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Old No.2. New No. 1

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Seal:- Jalaluddin Mohd. Akbar,
Badshah-e-Ghazi.

The exalted and auspicious mandate, worthy to be obeyed and submitted to, has now received the honour of being issued and the dignity of having alighted from the abode of favours and obligation, (to the effect) that, the Pargana (district) of Bhatner, in the Sarkar (estate) of Hissar Firoza, with a revenue of ..... lacs of "Dams", as specified in the endorsement, be conferred and confirmed upon RAI, RAI SINGH, the choice of the contemporaneous peers and dutiful to the orders and decrees, from the beginning of the autumn crop (Kharif) of Takhaqui - ilg. 993. A.H., on the dismissal of the piller of the favourites, Mir Ziauddin and others, in exchange for Lakhipur, a place in the Pargana of Dibalpur in the Sarkar of the Punjab.

The Chaudharies, the Headmen, the Kanungos, the tenants and the cultivators of the said Pargana, regarding the above-mentioned choice of the peers, as their ruler and Jagirdar, and giving him accounts of all the rent of the land and civil obligations and dues, crop to crop and year to year, should withold nothing from him. They should not also swerve or deviate from his exalted instructions and orders, and should always present themselves for expedition.

They should put their confidence in (every order) adorned and ornamented by the sublime, eminen

eminent, majestic and exalted (royal) signet.

D/ the 15th of Rajab, 993. A.H.

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14th April, ~~1582~~.

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Old No.1. New No. 2

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Seal - God is Great

RAI, RAI SINGH, the quintessence of the realm, the prop of the exalted Empire and worthy of favour and obligation, should know, that we have, by our supreme affection and immense grace, *exempted all the dominions under our sway from the* (levy of) customs duty.

No one should, consequently, levy customs duty on cattle, grains etc, and (various kinds of) flour mills, situated in the territory, wherein the royal edict, always to be obeyed, has had the honour of being issued. Horses, elephants, camels, sheep, goats, armour and silk-cloth are excluded *(from this exemption)*. Besides, *none should* interfere with the affairs of merchants, artisans and others, under the pretext of realising toll or duty.

Heretofore, orders had been issued that a small sum of money should be realised to watch and ward; but, since sanction to that effect meant a licence to the oppressors, we revoked it.

And the main object of God, the Creator of the Universe, in creating great emperors and eminent rulers is, that every individual of the various sections of the people may, in accordance with his principles and creeds, be able to attend to his religious duties and wordly professions with a peaceful mind. Hence, with this consideration, we rejected the tax, notwithstanding its immense advantages, and (thus) made over this grand concession to the people at large for the (gen-

welfare of the public.

Now, it has reached our exalted ears, that some imprudent persons are exacting from people on some highways, in bazars and markets ...... (to demand something more than the rent). This fact has weighed heavily upon our holy mind.

Hence, he (Rai Rai Singh) should strictly keep watch over every individual livingi n the districts of his province, and should inflict condign punishment upon all those who act contrary to our holy command. He should also appoint a party as spies to detect (the delinquents), in order that none should, henceforth, attempt to realise (lit. to go round) this tax, on any ground or pretext, whatsoever.

The bonds (to abstain from levying tax) should be executed from the people (tax- collector and despatched to the exalted Court.

The order should not be evaded.

D/ 7th Urdi Bihisht, 37.
12th Rajab-ul-Murajjab, 990, A.H.
25th April, ~~1582~~ 1592.

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Old No.3. New No. 3

A K B A R.

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Seal:- God is great.

The quintessence of the realm, the pillar of the grand Empire and worthy of favours and obligation, RAI, RAI SINGH, should acknowledge, that it has come to the sacred notice that he (Rai Rai Singh) is still in the territories of Jaitore. It seems very strange and wonderful. What has become of his sincerity, ambition for work, devotion and friendship? What has happened to him? Is there something wrong with him, or excess of drinking has incapacitated him? Has any disease afflicted him, that carried away all his vigour and strength for work, or has he, due to his easy-going nature, succumbed to the insinuations of Bhatiani, or (else) has been misled by Tijia, the slave?

If, in fact, he is tired of work, he should clearly state all facts, so that we may send his son, and his (Rai Rai Singh's) attendants with his son might accomplish the task.

Whatever be the case might be, we send our trustworthy (servant) Mohan Dass to report the real facts to us. We wished to send a physician as well, but because the said person has been deputed from the Dak Chowki (outpost), (the physician) could not be arranged to accompany him. If, however, he is in sound health of body and mind, and contemplates to proceed on the expedition of the Deccan, we wish him god-speed. Otherwise, all the soldiers, Rajputs and others, hoping for the royal favours, should, at all costs, convey the Rai to Malwa, so that he might wait at Ujjain till the arrival of

the world-conquering armies despatched under the orders of the Court, and in that case, should act (according to) what they have been ordered to do.

D/- 22nd Isfandarmuz, 40.
February, 1595.

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God is Great.

Old No.15. New No.4

Seal:- Same as in No. 4.

Firman of Jalaluddin Mohd. Akbar Badshah-e-Ghazee.

RAI, RAI SINGH, should know that inspite of the obligations of our patronage and favours, and at a time when our beloved son, attending (his) duty, goes into a foreign land, and besieges it for such a long time, he (Rai Rai Singh) inspite of all his forces, high magistracy (Mansab) and pretensions of sincerity and fidelity, delays so long in his territories, that the army has, by discord and degeneracy, been reduced to such a state as he might have heard of. We attribute all this to his unpropitiousness and in-auspiciousness.

Verily, he is not that old Rai Singh, and verily the divine disfavour is afflicting him, and some imprudence has found its way into his brain.

Now, it is necessary that no sooner he is informed of the contents of this sacred order, than he should, at the (very) moment proceed to any Tirath (sacred place of worship), the he may choose (for himself), and take to penance and worship(there). Perhaps the divine mercy may cure him (of the disease), and his affairs may be amended. He should hand over the town and the territories to the men of Dalpat, and should not delay even for a moment.

D/- 30th Tir Mah-e-Elahi
Year 4
June 1559 or 1595.

(Postcript on the Margin).

If he has (some) reasons for not joining th

victorious armies, or repents on his action, he should proceed to the Court with Ahadi (special attendant of the King), so that (his fidelity) may might be ascertained in (our) holy presence.

If not, he should deliver all his elephants per Shah Mohd. Ahadi, and should himself proceed to any Tirath he likes, without any delay.

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Old No 4 New No. 5

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Seal:- Jalaluddin Mohd Akbar Badshah, son of Humayun Badshah, son of Babar Badshah, son of Umar Sheikh Mirza, son of Sultan Abu Sayeed Mirza, son of Miran Shah, son of Amir Timur, Sahib Qiran.

The exalted edict, worth- submission, just now received the honour of being issued, (to the effect) that the Pargana of x Niryad, as specified in the endorsement, be conferred, as Jagir, upon RAI RAI SINGH, the quintessence of realm and consummate ef in sincerity and devotion, in exchange for the Parganas of Tahara, Qasur and Atgarh, from the beginning of the "Kharif" (autumn) crop of Bichi-11,41; and that he, taking possession of its products, should acquit himself of his duties with due devotion and ministry.

It is the duty of the Chadharies, the Headmen, the Kanungos, the ryot and the cultivators of the said Pargana, that they should, acting in obedience to the written (order), regard the aforesaid (Rai Singh) as their Jagirdar, and should not disregard the words and suggestions of his Vakils(agents), which are entirely in accordance with the all-binding (Imperial) orders, and in keeping with the administrative transactions.

They should also account for the necessary dues and civil obligations, without any excuse or negligence, and should not allow any delay or curtailment in its payment. They should essentially regard this as extremely important and of indispu-

indisputable diligence.

Regarding it as in agreement with the auspicious mandate, they should not disobey or deviate from this order.

D/- 5th Urdi Bihisht, 41.

April, 1596.

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Old No. 6 New No. 6

AKBAR.

Seal:- Same as in No.4.

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Whereas courtesy to the strangers and the pardoning of sins is a praiseworthy quality of the Royalty, we have, after forgiving the wrongs of RAI RAI SINGH, the descendant of the Nobles and worthy of favours, distinguished him by manifold royal graces, and allowed him to depart after restoring (the Jagir of) Junagarh and other districts, which we had recently conferred upon him as specified in the endorsement, from the beginning of "Rabi" (the spring crop) of It-il year 43.

The duty of the clerks employed in the province of Gujrat (generally), and the Jagirdars of Surath particularly is, that no sooner they receive the knowledge of the contents, obeyed by the heavens, than they should, submitting to the exalted order, commit over the districts, as detailed in the endorsement to his deputees. They should not hesitate in compliance for (want of) attested and inscribed mandate; for that too would follow soon after its completion.

The tenants of those parganas, regarding the afore-said (Rai Singh) as their Jagirdar, should obey him in paying all the revenues and [illegible] obligations.

D/- 9th of Dai, 42.

From

Lahore, the capital. by

February, [illegible]. -

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Old No.5. New No. 7

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Prince Salim (Jahangir).

Seal:- Sultan Salim, son of Akbar Shah.

The choicest of the grandees of the stable Empire, the leader of the nobles of the heaven-resting realm, the best of the favourites of the Arsh-resembling Court, worthy of overwhelming regards and deserving of unrestrained boons, *RAI RAI SINGH*, being exalted and glorified by manifold favours and immense daily-increasing complaisances, should acknowledge that whereas, we count him as one of the choicest confederates, the gates of our boons are always open to his affairs, and as we wish, he may always be exalted by our favours, therefore, as a token of affection, the Imperial edict has been issued to him. He should with all sincerity send his sons to attend the Court, or should himself proceed to the aid of the Khan-e-Khanan, so that, we may avail of this opportunity to recommend that right hand of the Empire (Rai Singh) to His Imperial Majesty for (the grant of) the "Military Standard", [Tughi - a high military rank in the Mughal army], whereby his expedition might be favourably rewarded to his ends.

And whereas, the exalted mind and elegant disposition (of Sultan Salim) is generally inclined to "Cheetah" - hunt, therefore, taking this fact into consideration, he (Rai Rai Singh) should ~~ese~~ send (us) as many of the best "Cheetahs" (leopards) as available. For the present, the Cheetah, Nilkanth by name, which he has in his possession, should be particularly despatched to the exalt Court p sita, the

Ahadi (messenger), (which act) would be commendable on his part.

A private cloak (Fargul) is sent with the above-said Ahadi.

D/- 29th Azar, 42.
November, ~~1596~~ 1597.

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Old No.7. New No. 8

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Seal:- Same as in No.14.

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Consummate in sincerity, unfaltering in devotion, RAI RAI SINGH, being exalted with, and proud of the excessive Royal condescensions, should know that his representation has been brought to the sacred, glorious and august notice, by those standing at the feet (attendants) of the Arsh-like (majestic) throne. His solicitations have been acceded to, and the world-obeyed (royal) orders have been despatched (accordingly). He should keep safely with him the Firmans (concerning) Rawal Ham and Rawal Bara. If their sincerity is evinced to the quintessence of the realm unanimously, and (if they) satisfy him, that they, putting the ring of slavery in the ear of their souls, are prepared to make amends for the undone services of the past, then, he should, giving them the Firmans, assure them of the royal kindness and favours, and should submit (the reports of) all the incidents and happenings daily.

Observing great care, as necessary in this respect, he should not swerve from the order, and should regard it as his duty.

D/- Dai-mahar, the 15th Shaharyur, ... 43.

August, ~~1597~~ 1598.

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Old No.8. New No. 9

A K B A R.

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Seal:- Same as in No.4.

Consummate in sincerity and worthy of favours, RAI RAI SINGH being supported and encouraged by the Imperial patronage should know, that it was so decided that when he would proceed to serve under (our) honoured, auspicious, fortunate and glorious son, Prince Murad, he would send his son and grandson to the Court.

He had (himself) once requested: "(I have still courage), and ~~our~~ am inclined and resolved to send my grandson for kissing the (royal) threshold. What occasioned that they have not arrived as yet.

No sooner he is honoured with the contents of this mandate, than he should send his son and grandson to the Sublime Court.

Once again, (he is directed to) to send his son and grandson without delay or excuse to the Court, the asylum of the public, and to note that, while on his way, he should not break (his journey) at any place. (He should also see) lest he should wait even for a day after the receipt of this order, and should disregard it.

He should not, as far as possible, allow negligence in this matter.

D/- Khur, the 11th Shahariyur,
....44.
August, ~~1597.~~ 1599.

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Old No. 9 New No. 10

A K B A R.

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Seal:-Same as in No. 4.

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The quintessence of the Empire, consummate in sincerity, unfaltering in allegiance, the choice of the peers, worthy of favours, regard and obligation, RAI RAI SINGH, being honoured with the distinction of royal grace and condescension, should acknowledge that it is long since the worth-obeying (royal) orders to invite that quintessence of the Empire have had the honour of being issued, and that His Majesty, in full prosperity, glory, auspiciousness and grandeur, has honoured Burhanpur with his visit.

The servants of the Court have besieged the fort of Asirgarh (in Khandesh), and the most esteemed, upright, exalted and victorious prince (Salim) is engaged in repelling and driving the Rana, and that the fortunate and successful son (Prince Murad) is laying siege to Ahmadnagar fort.

It has so reached our ears of respect and glory that one year ago that Choice of the peers left Ahmadabad and has not, as yet, passed Mahmudabad.

What sort of coming is this? Staying there would have been a thousand times better than this.

If he proceeds thus, why, then, does he not return and go to his own Jagir.

D/- Roz-e-Roshan,
the 18th Tir, ... 45.
June, ~~1599~~.1600

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Old No.10. New No. 11

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Seal:- Same as in No. 4.

The exalted and the auspicious mandate has just now had the honour and dignity of being issued from the abode of grace and obligation, (to the effect), that the districts of the Sarkar of Nagore and other places, according to the endorsement, be conferred as Jagir upon, and entrusted to the care of ~~Rai~~ RAI, RAI SINGH, the trustworthy of the Empire, the pillar of the exalted realm and worthy of favours, kindness and respect, from the beginning of the autumn crop of the Sachquan-il, on the transfer of Madho Singh and others.

The governors, the tax-collectors, the fief-holders, the comptrollers of the Diwani affairs and those in charge of the Imperial duties, regarding the aforesaid Rai Rai Singh as confirmed, should commit over those districts to the charge of his deputies, and should admit of no change or alteration in its rules.

The Chaudharies, the Kanungos, the ryot, and the cultivators and all other inhabitants of those districts regarding that trustworthy of the Empire as their permanent Jagirdar, should account for all the dues and other Diwani obligations to his deputies, according to the rules and regulations, from year to year and crop to crop. They should not withold anything from him, and should not make any ~~xx~~ excuse or delay in its payment.

If any dispute arises amongst themselves, they should refer it to his deputies, who would decide

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Old No.10. New No. 11

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If any dispute arises amongst themselves, they should refer it to his deputies, who would decide

it according to the administrative transactions.

The duty of the aforesaid Rai Rai Singh is, that he should regard the care of the subjects as incumbent upon him, He should not disobey orders, and should deem it as his duty.

D/- 3rd ~~Alem~~ Aban -45.

15 October, 1600.

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Old No. 11. New No. 12

Seal:- Sultan Salim son of Akbar Shah son of Humayun etc.

Mandate, obeyed by the world of the Father of the Victorious Sultan Salim Jahangeer Ghazee.

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The Trustworthy of the Empire, and worthy of favours and confidence, fit for patronage and obligation, RAI, RAI SINGH, being honoured with the distinction of the royal regards and imperial ~~gifts~~ blessings, should acknowledge whether it was the result of all his excellent services rendered in the past, that associating himself with oblivion, he does never recall his memory to our most noble and sacred mind.

Notwithstanding (his indifference), the courtesies of our sublime Presence (i.e. His Majesty himself) have recalled that best of all the well-wishers of the Empire (Rai, Rai Singh) at many an auspicious moment.

He should, henceforth, contrary to the past, always be sending his letters, and in response thereto he will be honoured with the gracious replies.

Next, that well-wisher (friend) should know that a certain jeweller was bringing a piece of ruby (to present it) to the slaves of our Court (i.e. ourselves), but that faithful in sincerity (R.S.) has unknowingly purchased the same from him. Though we regard the money of that trustworthy as belonging to our estate, yet if the presentation (of that jewel) be unpleasing on the part of that unfaltering in confidence (R.S.), the sum of its price would be paid up (to him) by our trust · rthy

(servant) Lal Mian.

Being confident of the best regards of our benignself, the observer of the whole Empire, as inclined to favour him, he should hand over the ruby to Lal Miyan, on the (very) day (he reaches there), that he might bring it to our sublime Presence.

A private soft silk robe is sent herewith.

4th Azar Mah-e-Elahi Year 47.

November, ~~1601~~. 1602.

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Old No.12. - New No. 13

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Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

The quintessence of the Empire, the Pillar of the most sublime and most eminent Realm, the right hand of the luminous kingdom, the object of manifold favours, worthy of numberless affections, signalised by the most supreme gifts, RAI, RAI SINGH, being honoured and exalted by the daily-increasing graces and variety of condescensions, should know, that of all the courtiers of our heaven-like Presence, the true in faith and sincerity, worthy of favours and sympathies, Shamskhan, has always been distinguished and elevated by the royal attentions, on account of the approved services done by him; and whereas the issues and relations of the aforesaid (Shamskhan) live in the Pargana of Jhunjunu, it is necessary, that regarding the said (Shamskhan) as the loyal servant of the exalted Court, he (Rai Singh) should do his utmost in looking after and taking care of his children and relatives; as this would be the cause of the pleasure of the (royal) mind, the observer of the spiritual regions.

He should arrange it in such a way, that the above-mentioned (Shamskhan), may, with his mind at perfect ease regarding his children and relatives, be acquitting himself of his duties in the exalted and dignified Court and remain thankful to him (R.S.).

Thinking utmost care in as very necessary in this respect, he should not neglect or evade this order.

D/ 16th Urdi Bahisht. 49

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Old No. 13. New No. 14

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Seal:- Same as in No. 4.

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Firman of Jalaluddin Mohd. Akbar Badshah-e-Ghazi.

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The exalted and auspicious mandate, has, just now received the honour of being issued and the dignity of being announced (to the effect), that henceforth, considering the Pargana of Shamsabad as two, one of them, as before, be given the name of Shamsabad, and the other, that of Noorpur. The villages lying on this side of the river Ganges should be regarded as comprising of the Pargana of Noorpur, and should be called and recorded as such, while those on the opposite bank should be considered as ~~related~~ belonging to the Pargana of Shamsabad.

Both the above Parganas, as regards the Jama (rental), should be conferred as Jagir upon the choice of the peers and equals, RAI, RAI SINGH, Rathore, and should be regarded as preserved and secure from all alloys of change or alteration.

Whereas the said Mahal (district) had been attached to the Jagir of Rathores since long, we have, as a token of (our) great-favour, bestowed both the Parganas upon him as their native Jagir (for residence).

The respectable governors, the great and expert Diwans, the tax-collectors, the Fief-holders, the Comptrollers of the Civil affairs and the clerks of the Supreme Diwan, regarding the above-mentioned as confirmed, should record it in their registers (accordingly), and should allow no

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Old No. 13. New No. 14

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Firman of Jalaluddin Mohd. Akbar Badshah-e-Ghazi.

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Old No. 13. Now No. 14

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Seal:- Same as in No. 4.

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Firman of Jalaluddin Mohd. Akbar Badshah-e-Ghazi.

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The respectable governors, the great and expert Diwans, the tax-collectors, the Fief-holders, the Comptrollers of the Civil affairs and the clerks of the Supreme Diwan, regarding the above-mentioned as confirmed, should record it in their registers (accordingly), and should allow no

variation, modification or curtailment (therein).

The Chaudharies, the Kanungos, the Headmen, the tenants and cultivators of that place acting in accordance with (our) holy order, and in obedience to the exalted mandate, should, henceforth record the above Mahal (district) as two in their account-book, and believing Rai Singh as their Jagirdar should not hestitate in paying the necessary dues to him.

They should not evade this order.

D/ 21st Khurdad Elahi 49 year.

May, 1604.

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Old No.17. New No. 15

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Seal: - Same as in No. 4.

Firman of Jalaluddin Mohd. Akbar, Badshah-e-Ghazi.

The trustworthy in sincerity, constant in faith,(the pick) of the peers and grandees, RAI, RAI SINGH, being glorified and elevated by the daily-increasing royal favours, should know,that we with auspiciousness and glory, left Lahore, a year ago.

It was so settled, that he would either proceed to the Deccan or would join the victorious (royal) camp. None of these two (things) has been acted upon. For the last three years or so, whenever a duty is entrusted to him, he has been ever doing the same.

If, as he is aware, he is unable to do ~~my~~ any work, why does he not write (to the effect), that ~~I~~ we may exempt him from service, or give that prominee as Jagir to some one else?

If Sobha Mal and Jamna Mal, who have gone there from the armies of the late Prince, be on their way, he should bring them along with him, and if, owing to their forces and equipment they are marching slowly, he should at once, arrange some one to escort them.

Regarding great care in this respect, he should not evade this order.

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Old No.14. New No. 4-16

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Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

The Support of the Empire, the Pillar of the Realm, worthy of exalted favours, fit for majestic condescensions, deserving the various complaisances, the object of numberless regards, distinguished for the most benign gifts, Raixx RAI, RAI SINGH, being proud of, and honoured by, the interminable affabilities* should know, that during the past few days the foes of His Majesty (Emperor himself) have grown very weak, and that infirmity lingers even at present.

It is necessary, that the Support of the Empire (Rai Singh) should instantly, proceed to the Court, the asylum of the people, without any delay and with the utmost expedition, and should convey himself post-haste, travelling by day and night, crossing th as great a distance as possible.

He should not be detained by anything. Being sure of the (royal) mind, the observer of heavens included in the this respect (of his presence in the Court), and taking utmost care, he should not admit of any delay.

D/- 29th [illegible] - 5[illegible] [illegible]

September, 15[illegible].

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*A euphemistic way of alluding to the [illegible] of superiors and dear ones.

Old No. 18. New No. 17

Seal:- J a h a n g i r.

In agreement with the order, obeyed by all the world, having solar rays and heavenly eminence, (the sum of) 8,104,700 dams, from the ~~xxg~~ Pargana of Nagor and other places, as specified in the endorsement (and vacated) by the dismissal of Raja Amar Singh, son of Raja Gaj Singh, has been conferred, as Jagir, upon the best of all the Chiefs, ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ RAO SURAT SINGH, beginning from the Kharif (autumn) crop of Tushqan-il. The (formal) royal decree would after completion, be issued later on.

It is necessary that the Choudharies, the Kanungos, the tenants and cultivators of the said districts, regarding the above-mentioned as their permanent Jagirdar, should answer for all the necessary dues and other diwani obligations to his agents according to the regulations and settlement, from year to year and crop to crop, without withholding or keeping anything therefrom, and should not disregard his words and sane suggestions.

They should refund all the (revenue) money which the former Jagirdar, might have realised for the said crop.

Considering great care as necessary k in this respect, they should not evade or disregard (this order).

D/- Month of Dai of the Elahi year 1st.
12 December, 1606.

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Old No.19. New No. 10

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Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

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The chosen of the compeers and equals, worthy of favours and obligation, the trustworthy of the Empire, RAI, RAI SINGH, having received the honour of the (royal) th support and grace through the imperial kindness, should know that the contents of the letter which he had despatched to the Court, the asylum of the people, per his vakil, have reached the (royix royal) ears of dignity and glory.

The statement which he had made (therein), that he, with all sincerity and devotion, was proceeding to the Court, the asylum of the world, with all his relations and family members, gave (us) much pleasure.

It is necessary, that believing his personal good and that of his sons in coming (to the court), he should, with sincere will, leave for offering his respects to the exalted, illustrious, holy, eminent and auspicious Court.

When he reached Lahore, he should, leaving his sons and relations there, himself proceed with as many men as possible, to kiss our carpet. We shall surround him with (our) special favours.

For the time being, as a token of our favours, we are sending him a private shawl often used by us for his elevation and honour.

He should regard expedition in coming here as imperative.

D/- 28th Farwardin, 2.

6 April, 1607.

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Old No.20. New No. 19

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J A H A N G I R.

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Seal: - Same as in No.11.

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The chosen of the compeers and contemporaries, worthy of favour and obligation, RAI, RAI SINGH, being specialised ~~with~~ for, and elevated by, the imperial graces, should know, that it has so reached the (royal) ears of honour and glory that the imprudent Dalpat, through his total ignobility and ill-luck, is rough and excessive(in his dealing) with him, (Rai Singh), and consequently, he(Rai Singh) has led an army against, and besieged him.

Whereas our generous temper does not tolerate, that any son should be so (disgracefully) disposed to his own father, it occurred to our mind, the abode of the manifestations of the (Divine) Grace, that ~~in~~ we should appoint (our) victorious armies to punish and chastise him in such a way as to be an exemplary warning for all the imprudent(people).

But as his (Rai Singh's) representation, regarding this matter, had not been received in the Court, it again struck to (our)glorious mind, that it might, perhaps, turn out to be false. Therefore we deferred the despatch of the ~~xtatt~~ victorious armies.

If, in fact, this be happened, and that imprudent (Dalpat) be bent upon (mischief), he (R.S.) should, on the (very) day(he receives the Firman), despatch ~~ed x~~ his representation, describing the facts (therein), so that we may despatch the armies from the exalted court, and order them to march on those frontiers to meet him, and to frustrate (take out his life out of ... sub-

jects by inflicting a crushing de

We have commissioned the descendant of the great and dignified nobles Bahauddaula to elevate and bring that worthy of favours (to the Court), but his coming has been delayed for a few days due to the infirmity of illness. He was also (ordered) to report about that matter, so that, the mandate, to be obeyed by the world, be issued in his name, (to the effect) that he may bring that worthy of regards (Rai Singh) along, with him in the exalted and illustrious Court.

It is necessary, that he (Rai Singh) should always be confident of the imperial favours to be inclined to his affairs.

D/- Aban, 2.
Rajab-ul-Murajjab,1015 A.H.
November, 1607.

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Old No.21. New No. 20

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Seal:- Same as in No.11.

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SOORAJ SINGH, son of the pride of his peers, Rai,Rai Singh, being hopeful (of the imperial favours) should know, that Dalpat has attained the good fortune of kissing the ground, and that, there is (now) no reason of his (Suraj Singh's) remaining and staying there.

Therefore, the exalted mandate, proper to be obeyed has received the honour of being issued, that he should, with full confidence, proceed to the Court, the asylum of the world, on the (very) day (he receives this order).

It is necessary, that, acting in accordance with the most holy and most eminent order (of His Majesty), he should not evade it, and should regard Iwaz as messenger entrusted with this mission.

He should regard it as his duty.

D/- 14th Shahryur - 3.

August,1608.

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Old No.22. New No. 21

Seal:- Same as in No.11.

The pride of the peers and equals, worthy of favours and obligation, RAI, RAI SINGH, being distinguished by, and hopeful of the manifold royal graces, should know that, as a token of full imperial regards, we are sending for his elevation the private royal robe, per Sarangdev, the Khawas (trustworthy servant), one of the most confidential Khawases of His Holy Majesty.

It is necessary, that he should spare no pains in attaching his sincerity, unity of purpose (in maintaining forces), devotion to, and union and ~~centr~~ concord with all the members of the daily increasing Empire, in up-rooting and annihilating those accused (enemies); because after the completion of the expedition, we shall, God wishing, on the recommendation and pleasure of the dignified and glorious prince, honour him (R.S.) with every kind of (royal) favour and regard in such a way as would lead to his rise in position and grace.

He should not evade or oppose this order, and should regard it as his duty.

D/- 7th [illegible], [illegible]

March, [illegible].

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God is Great.

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Old No.23. New No. 22

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Seal: - Same as in No. 11.

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Firman of the father of the Victorious, Mohd. Nooruddin, Jahangir, Badshah-e-Ghazee.

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The chosen of the peers and equals, worthy of the imperial favours, RAI SURAJ SINGH, being distinguished with, and hopeful for the royal regards and complaisances, should know, that the detailed reports of his exertions and the ~~gith~~-fight with the black-faced (disgraceful) and unfortunate Dalpat, the defeat of the said wretched, and the capture of his elephants, have been brought to the notice of the curtain-keepers of the threshold of grandeur and glory (i.e. His Majesty himself), and (this fact) has added much to our pleasure and his praise. At present we are (pleased) to send, for his glorification, a private robe (of honour), per Jamal Mohd, as a reward of his meritorious services, and (also) to ~~hat~~ bestow upon him all the elephants, he has ~~xx~~ wrested from that evil-natured (Dalpat).

It is necessary, that he should not withold his hands from him, till he delivers his head, or himself in fetters (lit. tied hands and feet) to the sublime Court. He should be hopeful, that, if this fidelity of his shall be carried into full effect, he would be distinguished and elevated by various kinds of blandishments.

He should not evade or disobey this order, and should regard it as his duty.

D/- 2nd Bahman -- 8.
January. 1613.

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PRINCE KHURRAM(SHAHJAHAN).

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Seal:- Shah-e-Khurram, son of Jahangir, son of King Akbar, has bright hopes in the favours of Eternity, and the Divine graces.

Mandate of Sultan Khurram, son of Mohd Nooruddin, Jahangir, Badshah Ghazi.

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The pride of the clans and nobles, RAJA SURAJ SINGH, being distinguished by the imperial favours, should know, that it has reached (our) exalted notice, that recently, there had been contentions and disputes about the boundary-line of the Parganas of Sirsa and Bhatner.

The son of Rai Bharat Chand, with Sundar Dass, the tax-collector of Sirsa, in obedience to the all-binding (royal) orders, obeyed by the world, and exalted of solar height and like the sun, of universal sway (lit. Jahangir's), having called together the people of the neighbourhood, has defined the limit and the boundary-line; and the son of Rai Bharat Chand, recovering the due revenues of the lands (situated in) the Pargana of Sirsa from Salim, Bahara and Bahadur Joya(name of clan), who had taken possession (of the said lands), has handed it over to Sundar Dass, the Karori (tax-collector) of Sirsa, and has fixed the boundary-lines properly.

Now, as the said Pargana has been conferred upon that pride of the nobles (Raja Suraj Singh)as a Jagir, it is necessary, that he should, recovering the due revenues of those lands from those people, give

Old No 24. New No. 23 33

PRINCE KHURRAM (SHAHJAHAN).

Seal:- Shah-e-Khurram, son of Jahangir, son of King Akbar, has bright hopes in the favours of Eternity, and the Divine graces.

Mandate of Sultan Khurram, son of Mohd Nooruddin, Jahangir, Badshah Ghazi.

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The pride of the clans and nobles, RAJA SURAJ SINGH, being distinguished by the imperial favours, should know, that it has reached (our) exalted notice, that recently, there had been contentions and disputes about the boundary-line of the Parganas of Sirsa and Bhatner.

The son of Rai Bharat Chand, with Sundar Dass, the tax-collector of Sirsa, in obedience to the all-binding (royal) orders, obeyed by the world, and exalted of solar height and like the sun, of universal sway (lit. Jahangir's), having c[illegible] together the people of the neighbourhood, [illegible] fined the limit and the boundary-lines; [illegible] of Rai Bharat Chand, rec[illegible] of the lands (situated [illegible] from Salim, Bahara and [illegible] who had taken possession [illegible] handed it over to [illegible], the [illegible] collector) of [illegible] lines properly.

Now, [illegible] upon that [illegible] a Jagir, [illegible] the [illegible]

the same to Nauroz Beg, the Karori (tax-collector) of ~~xxx~~ Sirsa.

He should arrange it in such a way, that the whole of the government (money) is recovered from them, and nothing of it remains with them.

He should regard care in this respect.

D/- 15 Farwardin - 9.

26th March,1614.

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Old No.25. New No. 24

Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

The chosen of the peers and equals, worthy of imperial favours, RAI SURAJ SINGH, being consoled by, and hoping for the royal graces, should know, that the contents of the representation, recently despatched by him to the Court, the asylum of the world, have come to the exalted and sacred notice.

(The reply) to his statement, that the son of Dalpat is amidst the Kachhwahas, (is), that before the receipt of his (Suraj Singh's) representation, an exalted order, worthy of being submitted to, had received the honour of being issued, and the glory of being despatched in the name of Rajah Man Singh urging upon him to deliver him (the son of Dalpat) to the royal Court.

As regards his own (Suraj Singh's) writing, that he has captured seven of the ladies of Dalpat's (harem), he is ordered to send them all, with the younger daughter of Dalpat, on the (very) day (when he receives this patent), escorted by persons of his confidence and trust, to our Court of heavenly grandeur.

He should not evade or disobey this order, and should regard it as his duty.

D/- 6th Urdi Bahisht ... 9.
April, 1614.

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Old No. 26. New No. 25

J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

The chosen of the peers and equals, and worthy of imperial favours, RAI, SURAJ SINGH, bein distinguished by and hoping for the royal regards, should know, that a large number of the tenants and cultivators of the pargana of Narmar, having come to the Court, the asylum of the world, complained and called for justice, (alleging) that Raghunath, the Rathore, Sudarshan, Gokal Das, Bhagwan, Qawi, the Afghan, and Hussain, the Qiyam Khani have take possession of fifty-two villages of their territory, and have realised twenty-four lacs of "Dam", and are after plundering and killing those people.

The order of Jahangir (lit. of universal sway), obeyed by the world, and proper to be ~~the~~ submitted to has received the honour of being issu and the eminence of being published (to the effect, that he (Suraj Singh) should investigate in this matter, and if it turns out to be true, ~~in~~ he should inflict severe punishment and chastisement on those tyrrant rebels, and should restore these villages and the misappropriated products thereof, to the (original) owners, after recovering (the villages etc.) from them (the rebels).

He should (also) populate the tenants and peasants in their proper places.

Believing great care to be imperative in this respect, he should not disobey the order.

He should regard it as his duty.

D/- 1st of Khwardad - 9.

May, 1614.

Old No.27. New No. 26 ~~39.~~ 37

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JAHANGIR.

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SEAL:- Same as in No. 11.

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The chosen of the peers and grandees, worthy of imperial favours, RAI SOORAJ SINGH, being comforted by and hoping for royal graces, should know, that it has so reached (our) ears of dignity and glory, that Gokul, Sudarsan, Reghunath and a number of other rebellious and seditious Kanwars, have realised a sum of Rs.30,000/-, that belonged to the exalted imperial estate, from Dalpat, the accursed, and after seizing the property and belongings of the inhabitants of the Pargana Lunian and its environs, with great force and extortion, have depopulated their villages.

Therefore, an order, necessary to be obeyed, has also been issued in the name of Hashim Beg Khusti, for the admonition and punishment of the rebels. It is necessary, that he (Suraj Singh), working in perfect concord with him, should recover the imperial money - and the dues of the people from them, and should expel them (from the territory), having chastised and punished those wretched (people) in such a way as to serve an exemplary warning to all the rebels and insurgents, so that the people being safe and secure against their further encroachments and disturbances, should attend to the affairs of agriculture and habitation in comfort and confidence.

Regarding great care as imperative in this respect, he should in no way evade or disobey this order, and should consider it as his duty.

D/- 5th Amardad ....9.

July,1614.

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God is Great.

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Old No.28. New No. 37

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Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

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The chosen of the peers and equals, worthy of imperial favours, RAI, SURAJ SINGH, being hopeful for the royal regards, should know, that it has so reached the notice of those standing (at) the foot of the throne of royalty and glory, that Keshu Biloch has, in these days, severely chastised and punished Chandra Bhan, the thief, the rebel and the robber, and that the said accursed, fleeing from him, has entered the territory of that worthy of favours, (Rai Suraj Singh).

The exalted order is issued, that instantly, on the receipt of the sublime mandate, he should appoint some men to pursue that accursed in such a way, as not to allow him the opportunity of drinking water, or winking his eye, till, either he is captured, or is expelled from those territories. The arrest, capture or slaughter of that vagabond would be a commendable act on his (Suraj Singh's) part.

He should not evade this order, and should regard it as his duty.

D/- 31 Amardad --- 9.
July, 1614.

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God is Great.

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Old No. 30. New No. 20

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J A H A N G I R.

Seal : - Same as in No. 11.

The chosen of the peers and equals, worthy of imperial favours, RAI SURAJ SINGH, distinguished by, and hoping for, the royal graces, should know that Mehta Lakhmi Chand is wanted in the Court, the asylum of the world.

The imperial (lit. Jahangir's or of world-wide sway) order, obeyed by the world, and exalted like the heavens, has received the honour of being issued, and the dignity of being passed, that he, (R. SURAJ SINGH), should instantly deliver him (Mehta Lakhmi Chand) to the exalted Court on the (very) day, when he receives the auspicious mandat proper to be submitted to, even if he (S.S.) has some urgent work with him; so that, after he had remained in the service of the curtain-keepers of the threshold of dignity and glory (i.e. H.M.) we would allow him to return to him, if he be wanted there.

It has reached (our) sacred notice, that he (S.S.) has managed the thoroughfares splendidly, xx and has acquitted himself of the onerous duties of that place agreeable to (our) wishes. This fact of his meritorious services has added much to our pleasure. He should, therefore, make greater efforts than before in populating and inhabiting (the places), and in safeguarding the thoroughfares.

He should not evade or oppose this order, and should regard it as his duty.

D/- 4th Mihr Elahi ...9.

September,1614.

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God is Great.

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Old No. 29. New No. 29

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J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

No sooner, the chosen of the peers and equals, worthy of the royal favours, RAI, SURAJ SINGH, distinguished by and hoping for the imperial graces, acquires the knowledge of the contents of the sublime and worth-obeying decree of Jahangir(lit. worldwide sway), than he should send the wordly property and belongings of Dalpat, which he has with him, per his trustworthy and reliable men to the Arsh-resembling Court.

When Dalpat has got the condign punishment of his misdeeds and (evil) doings, it is unreasonable to keep his men under arrest. (Hence) the exalted order has been issued, that he should ~~left~~ let them go, after liberating them from the prison.

Believing care as necessary in this respect, he should not evade or disobey this order, and should regard it as his duty.

D/- 2nd Aban Elahi ...9.
October,1614.

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Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

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The chosen of the peers and equals, and worthy of the imperial favours, RAI, SURAJ SINGH, being distinguished by, and hoping for the royal regard, should know, that we have delivered Har Ram Khawas (attendant on the King's person) from the Arsh-resembling Court, to call him (RAI, SURAJ SINGH).

It is necessary, that when the above-mentioned (Har Ram) reaches there, and he (Suraj Singh) receives the knowledge of the contents of Jahangir's sublime ~~sxf~~ order, worthy of being obeyed, he should proceed towards the steps of the Arsh-like throne, and should exalt himself with the honour of attendance and kissing the ground.

And whereas, he is entrusted with (the duty of) recovering the sum of thirty thousands rupees from Gokul, Sudarshan and other Rajputs, on Dalpat's account, he should appoint men to recover that sum from them. This would be the premium of his meritorious services.

He should not evade ~~s~~ or disobey the orders. He should regard it as his duty.

D/- 9th Bahman Mahe-Elahi ...9

January, 1615.

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God is Great.

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Old No.33. New No. 31

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J A H A N G I R.

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Seal of Prince Khurram (In the form of Couplet

"God bestowed prosperity, victory dignity and glory, from the eternity, to Prince Khurram, son of Emperor Jahangir, son of Akbar Badshah."

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Mandate of Sultan Khurram, son of Mohammad Noor Uddin Jahangir son of Akbar, Badshah-e- Ghazi.

The pride of the peers and equals, worthy of favours and obligation, RAJA, SURAJ SINGH, being chosen for, and elevated by the manifold royal regards, should know that the representation, delivered by him to the dignified Imperial Court, has been brought to the exalted and sublime notice (of His Majesty), through those standing in His Majesty's Council (Court)

Whereas it was brimming with the sincerity of devotion ~~(Court)~~ and faithfulness of that worthy of favours (SURAJ SINGH), it attracted the notice of the (royal) mind, the observer of the spiritual world.

As to what he had written about the reception of the auspicious Imperial retinue, (he is informed, that a fresh order to call him will be issued, when we encamp at Burhanpur with dignity and glory, and then he may proceed to ~~t~~ kiss the ground.

It is necessary, that being careful about the duties of Thana entrusted to him, he should remain

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hopeful for the r oyal favours.

D/- 5th Asfandarmuz Elahi .. 11.

February, 1616.

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God is Great.

Old No.32. New No. 32

J A H A N G I R.

Seal of Prince Khurram (Shahjahan) :- (In the form of couplet).

"The glorious prince Khurram-e-Ghazi, (the hero) is always elevated due to the favours of Jahangir, (his father)."

Mandate of Sultan Khurram, son of Mohammad Noor-ud-din Jahangir, Badshah-e-Ghazi.

The chosen of the compeers and equals, worthy of favours and obligation, RAJA, SURAJ SINGH, being glorified and elevated by the imperial favours and royal regards, should acknowledge that the representation, sent by him to the Exalted Court, has reached the notice (of His Majesty) through the attendants at the feet of the Imperial Throne.

The happiness and pleasure, evinced by him on (the occasion of) the turning of the exalted and victory-marked ensigns of the conquerer of the world - to his territory, being known to the world-adorning mind, h led to a further increase in (our) favours and graces on that worthy of patronage, (RAJA, SURAJ SINGH).

We shall elevate and distinguish him by surrounding him with the Imperial favours and regards, when we reach there with dignity, glory and auspiciousness, and he is exalted and honoured by the good fortune of kissing the Stirrup.

D/- 2nd Amardad Elahi, 11.

July, 1616

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God is Great.

Old No. 34. New No. 33

Seal: Same as in No. 33.

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The exalted order of Prince Khurram, son of Abdul-Muzzaffar (the father of the victorious) Mohammad Noor Uddin Jahangir, Badshah-e-Ghazi.

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The Pride of the peers and nobles, worthy of favours and obligation, RAI, SURAJ SINGH BHURTIYA, being elevated by, and proud of the daily-increasing royal regards and graces, should know, that, whereas, the Pargana of Pahlodi has now been annexed to the exalted royal estates, and included in the Khalsa Mahals, (Private estate of the King), we commit it to the charge, and under the management, of the leader of the nobles and peers, the best of the glorious contemporaries, worthy of manifold regards and obligations, x the Support of the Empire (RAJA SURAJ SINGH).

It is necessary, that the said worthy of favours, regarding the said Pargana as attached to the Imperial Khalsa, (private estate of the King), should issue strict orders to his men and agents, that none of them should interfere in (lit. go round) the said Pargana and its villages.

If, accidentally, some one would act contrarily to the sacred Imperial orders, he would incur the (xx royal) anger and reproof.

Regarding utmost care and injunction as imperative in this respect, he should not evade the orders.

D/- 32nd Khwardad Ilahi ..12.

God is Great.

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Old No. 37. New No. 34

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<u>J A H A N G I R.</u>

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Seal:- Same as in No. 35.

Edict of Sultan Khurram Shahjahan, Abul Muzzaffar Mohammad Noor Uddin Jahangir, Badshah-e-Ghazi.

The agents of the pride of the contemporaneous peers and worthy of favours and obligation, RAJA SURAJ SINGH, should ~~knex~~ acknowledge, that it has so reached the sacred, sublime and exalted notice through the contents of the petitions of the Karori and the Faujdar of the Pargana of Tahara, that the tenants of some of the villages of the said Pargana have migrated into the villages of the Pargana of Bhatinda, and that they (agents) have given them shelter, and have not surrendered (them) to the Karori and the Faujdar.

It is necessary, that as soon as they receive the honour of the knowledge and information of the contents of the glorious and auspicious mandate, they should not detain a single individual of the Pargana of Tahara in that Mahal.

If this case is once again forwarded to the exalted and elevated Imperial notice, it would incur royal anger and reproof.

D/- 13th Dai Elahi ...12.
November, 1617.

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God is Great.

Old No.35. New No. 35

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Seal:- God made Prince Khurram, son of Emperor Jahangir, son of Akbar Badshah, the ruler of the World, and bestowed on him the exalted glory and the Crown.

Mandate, to be obeyed by the World, of Shah-Jahan, Badshah-e-Ghazi.

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The best of the high-born Rajahs, the leader of the dignified Rais, the pride of the clans and peers, the descendant of the grandees and nobles, worthy of manifold graces, deserving the Imperial favours, the support of the Empire, without fraud and deception, (sincere), RAO SURAT SINGH, being glorified by the unlimited royal graces, should know, that the fact about the sincerity of devotion and fidelity of that descendant of the nobles, (RAO SURAT SINGH), have been brought to the notice of those, standing at the feet of the Arsh-like throne (i.e. His Majesty), by the letter, which he had recently written to the pillar of the chosen sincere, the chosen of the devoted servants, worthy of unending favours, deserving the unlimited graces, the hero, the expert, the trusty, Wazir Khan, and also from letter, written to the chosen of the equals, exalted que and the worthy. Our royal favours on him, royal angready being much on that chosen of the con- have become more.

...essary, that regarding himself as one ...dants, he should try harder than ...ng) the necessary rights of devo- ... the Empire.

As a reward of his sincerity of devotion, truth of will, and the services rendered, he would be, in the near future, elevated, like his father, (if God willing), with various kinds of favours and regards, and would be raised above his contemporaries to an extent as to be an object of envy to h all his equals.

Regarding it as his duty, he should not disobey it, and should believe our royal favours as daily increasing on him.

D/- 15th Zil Hijj (1026) A.H.

15th December, 1617.

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God is Great.

Old No. 36. New No.36

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J A H A N G I R.

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Seal of Nurjahan :- (In the form of ~~six~~ couplet)

"By the light of the sun (or love) of Jahangir - and the Divine Grace, the Signet of Nurjahan has illumined the world like the moon."

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The chosen of the peers, worthy of favours and obligation, RAJAH SURAT SINGH, hoping for the sublime favours, should know that a sum of money, according to the bonds, is due, to Kishandas and Baromen, his son, the treasurer of Her Majesty, and keeps it (the sum) with his uncle Sultan Rathore.

If so, as the aforesaid Rathore is in his (SURAT SINGH'S) service, he (Surat Singh) is ordered to pay off the said debts, (which the said Rathore owes, according to the legal bonds, to the said Kishan Dass and Baromon)from his own estate, to their (Kishan Das and Baronan's) people (relatives), and to deduct the same from his (Rathore's) salary, (lit. substance money).

He should not disobey the orders, and should regard it as his duty.

D/- 10th Azar Elahi ...12.

December, 1617.

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Old No.87, New No. 37

Seal of Noorjahan.

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Ganga Bai, being hopeful for the exalted favours, should know, that it has just now reached our eminent notice, that the village of Oodey Singh, son of Raja Dalpat Singh, being attached, Haya and Mohan have been done to death, and their relatives been confined. An attestation(signed by a body of people), sealed by Hashim, the wearied messenger and Mohammad Naqi, has been delivered to (our) Court. Such matters are very bad and undesirable.

Therefore, she should, on being informed of the contents of this majestic order, take them out of the confinement, send (them) to the Court, and should not hereafter attempt to go near that village

She should not evade this order, and should regard it her duty.

D/- 2nd Shaharyár - 14.

August, 1619.

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God is Great.

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Old No.38. New No. 38

J A H A N G I R.

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Seal:- Same as in No. 37.

The choice of the contemporaneous peers and worthy of favours and obligation, RAI SOORAJ SINGH, being proud of, and glorified by the Royal regards and boons, should acknowledge, that on Friday, the 14th of Dai, 15, corresponding to the last day of the month of Muharram 1030, A.H., the slaves of H/E Majesty, the Asylum of the Caliphate, with Alexander's grandeur, the Shadow of God, (i.e. H.M.Jahangir) and the Imperial attendants, (i.e. Shahjahan) left Lahore with auspiciousness, victory and glory.

And in the same auspicious hour, the slaves of the exalted Imperial Court, (i.e. H.M. Jahangir) in token of their great regard and favour allowed x us to leave earlier.

On Monday, the 24th of Dai, corresponding to the 10th of Safar, which is the date of writing this favour-titled mandate, the auspicious Imperial retinue has encamped with glory at Nikodar. We are marching with full speed and expedition to his territories.

He should soon expect the arrival of the victory-marked Imperial standards, with complete equipments of the army, the retinue, the great treasury and other State paraphernalia.

God willing, we shall chastise and punish those accursed, who have, breaking their words, deviated from the path of obedience and submission, in a way as to serve an exemplary warning to all the

perfidious persons, ~~in-a-way-as-to-serve~~ and the people of the world (shall) know what sort of punishment is inflicted upon all those who tread the path of opposition to the dignified state and ~~ed~~ exalted Government, and how misfortune creeps into their affairs.

It is necessary, that, comprising his mind on all scores, he should make his best exertions and utmost efforts in guarding that country and chastising the accursed (rebels), till the world-conquering standards reach those territories. He should be hoping for our ungrudged and liberal royal favours, because on reaching there, he would be elevated and distinguished by various kinds of boons and regards, according to the services and exertions rendered or being rendered, by that Pick of the peers (RAI SOORAJ SINGH).

It must be known to that worthy of favours that our Imperial Majesty regards him as our most useful and faithful confederate.

It is necessary, that, believing our royal favours attending upon his affiars, he should not evade the order.

D/- 24th of Dai.Elahi Year 15.

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4th January, ~~1620~~. 1620

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perfidious persons, ~~in-a-way-as-to-serve~~ and the people of the world (shall) know what sort of punishment is inflicted upon all those who tread the path of opposition to the dignified state and ~~Ed~~ exalted Government, and now misfortune creeps into their affairs.

It is necessary, that, comprising his mind on all scores, he should make his best exertions and utmost efforts in guarding that country and chastising the accursed (rebels), till the world-conquering standards reach those territories. He should be hoping for our ungrudged and liberal royal favours, because on reaching there, he would be elevated and distinguished by various kinds of boons and regards, according to the services and exertions rendered or being rendered, by that Pick of the peers (RAI GOORAJ SINGH).

It must be known to that worthy of favours that our Imperial Majesty regards him as our most useful and faithful confederate.

It is necessary, that, believing our royal favours attending upon his affairs, he should not evade the order.

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God is Great.

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Old No.39. New No. 39

J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No. 37.

The pride of the contemporaneous peers and worthy of favours and obligation, RAI SOORAJ SINGH, being honoured and distinguished by the Imperial regards and benevolences, should acknowledge, that on Sunday, the ~~xx~~ 10th of Asfandarmuz, the day of our auspicious lunar weighment, the elevated and world-conquering Imperial standards were gloriously pitched on the bank of the river Chambal.

It has been so resolved in the mind (of His Majesty), the observer of the spiritual regions, that leaving the dignified princes, the arsenals - and all other luggage and equipage at Ujjain, we should march alone with such a (speed) as the precincts of Burhanpur, may (God willing) become the pitching ground of the dignified and glorious (royal) camps on the auspicious and world-illuminating day, the Nauroz. We shall halt there for a day or two, for the equipment of our men in that province, after which, we shall, without delay or ~~hxxxx~~ hesitation turn to chastise and castigate the faithless and imprudent rebels and seditionists.

It is necessary, that the said worthy of favours (S. Singh) should be ready and equipped, with his forces, that he may, without any delay, join our triumphant royal retinue from that place. He should spare no pains in, and miss no opportunity of punishing and correcting the rebels and of displaying his sincerity and devotion.

of favours (as communicated ~~tt~~ to ~~y~~ us) by the right hand of the Caliphate, have added to our real pleasure.

God willing, he would be elevated by various kinds of regards and favours, in lieu of those services and efforts he would render after our reaching those territories.

Composing his mind on all scores, he should believe our ~~xtxtt~~ victorious imperial retinue to have reached there shortly.

D/- 10th Isfandarmuz - 15.

February, 1620.

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Old No. 40. New No. 40

J A H A N G I R.

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Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

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The pick of the contemporaneous peers, worthy of favours and obligation, RAI SURAJ SINGH Bankri (Bikaneri) being honoured by the excessive Royal boons, should acknowledge that the facts about his exertions, devotion and ~~desire~~ ambition for action have been brought to the notice of the world-adorning (royal) mind, through the contents of the despatches of the support of the daily-increasing realm, the trustworthy (servant) of the Eternal Empire, the Tutor, the devoted and loyal servant, Khan-e-Khanan, the ~~Xn~~ Commander-in-Chief, and this fact led to an increase of Royal regards in his favour.

He would be, in the near future, honoured and elevated in ~~xxxx~~ lieu of his meritorious services, sincerity and devotion.

He should, with a cool mind, try harder than before, and exert himself to the utmost in discharging the necessary duties of devotion, and should be hopeful for the Imperial favours.

He should regard it as his duty.

D/- 14th Asfandarmuz ...15.

February, 1620.

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Old No.41. New No. 41

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J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No.35.

The pride of the contemporaneous peers and worthy of favours and obligations, RAO, SURAJ SINGH, being honoured and distinghuished by the Imperial regards and respect, should acknowledge, that in these days, with victory in the wake, the happy news of the victory of Khirki, (a place somewhere near Bombay), achieved by the help of the Divine Grace, the auspicious regards of the slaves of His Majesty (i.e. His Majesty himself) the Asylum of the Caliphate, the shadow of God, the daily-increasing imperial glory and by the efforts of the devoted, experienced and diligent servants, has been brought to the sacred and exalted notice of (His Majesty) from the despatches of the essence of the faithful, the devoted, the pick of the faithful friends of the State, & the Pillar of the Empire, Darab Khan, and from the journal of the transactions of the forces.

We offered thanks to the Real Benefactor (God) for a sublime gift like this that such a grand victory and great triumph, which may be a harbinger to fresh victories, has been achieved so successfully and in so short a time.

Bravo for that pride of the peers (RAI SOORAJ SINGH), and may the Divine blessings be upon him, in that he has done all what was necessary for his heroism, fidelity, exertion and devotion. God willing

after the completion of the illustrious victory he would be celevated by various kinds of excellences. 58.

It is necessary, he should try his utmost, as done hithertofore in defeating the cursed enemy, pursuing the wretched and conquering those parts.

He should behave in such a way as to please the said pillar of the Empire (Darab Khan), with his exquisite services and exertions; because he (SOORAJ SINGH) would be honoured by increase in his Mansab or any other favour, which ~~they~~ that choice of the sincere would recommend him for.

D/- 28th Urdi Bihisht, 16.

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April, 1621.

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Old No.44. New No. 42

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J A H A N G I R.

Seal of Shahryar:- (In the form of couplet).

"The Divine Grace has bestowed the signet of dignity and glory to Shahryar, son of Jahangir Shah, son of Akbar Shah."

The pick of the contemporaneous peers and worthy of favours and obligations, SURAJ SINGH of BIKANER, being glorified by, and hoping for the sacred and celebrated favours, should ~~xxxxxx~~ acknowledge that the representation, which he had despatched, as a token of sincerity and devotion, has been received, and its contents have been brought to the world-adorning mind (of His Majesty).

It is necessary, that on the (very) day he is informed of the contents of this exalted order, he should leave for service with all hopes, taking with him proper forces and equipment.

God willing, after his (offering the) salutation, we shall accede to, and fulfill every desire or aspiration, he may have got.

He should not disregard this order.

D/- 15th Bahman, 17.

January, 1622.

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Old No.42. New No. 43

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<u>J A H A N G I R.</u>

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Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

The choice of the equals and peers, RAI SURAJ SINGH, son of RAI, RAI SINGH, being honoured by the Imperial favours should acknolwedge that before this an exalted and auspicious mandate to call him (to the Court) has been issued, (to the effect) that he should instantly present himself in the exalted Court.

Now, the banners of dignity and glory are proceeding (lit. have inclined) towards the Capital of Lahore, from the heart-alluring territory of Keshmere.

For further emphasizing (this order) we have appointed the trusted devotee Raja Sarang Dev as a Sazawal (messanger), and have sent him thither.

It is necessary, that on the (very) day he receives the honour of the knowledge of the contents of this dignified order, he should start at once for the Court, the Asylum of the World, and should admit of no delay or negligence, in any case. He should regard great expedition and haste as necessary in coming back, and should think it as his duty.

D/- 14th Shaharyur ... 17.
August, 1622.

(Postscript on the margin).
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Afterwards, Malukshah, his son was appointed.

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God is Great.

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Old No.45. New No. 44

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J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No. 37.

The choice of the contemporaneous peers, worthy of favours and obligations, RAI SURAJ SINGH, being honoured and glorified by the royal complaisances, should acknowledge, that the representation, delivered by him to the Imperial Court, has reached the eminent place of perusal.

He had written (therein) that he had received a messenger, with the glorious mandate, summoning that pride of the peers (SURAJ SINGH) to the exalted Court, and that, he would do whatever orders were issued to him in that respect.

The exalted and eminent order has (now) received the honour of being issued (to the effect) that, whereas, he has been appointed to serve in the thana of Jainapur, that is near to Amber, his ~~kmxtnmxth~~ leaving that place is not advisable.

And we, with dignity and glory, have despatched a note to that effect to the slaves of His Majesty with Soloman's dignity, the Asylum of Caliphate, and in the near future another order, obeyed by the world, would be issued in reply to our despatch, that the said choice of the peers (R.S. SINGH) ~~dxxx px~~ remain as usual in charge of that thana.

He should, as heretofore, remain in charge of the said thana, and should not go to the exalted Court. If he goes (to the Court), his native Jagir

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would be transferred from him, and he would be incurring various kinds of displeasures and reproofs

Believing utmost care as imperative in this respect, he should not evade the order.

D/- 6th Zee-Quada .. 1031.

13th September, 1622.

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Old No. 43. New No. 45 21
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J A H A N G I R.

PRINCE KHURRAM.

Seal:- Same as in No.37.

The faithful ones, observing the good faith of fidelity, the well-wishing confederates, worthy of favours and countenance, RAI SURAJ SINGH, Girdhar, Ishar Dyal, Hirdey Ram and Mukand having received the honour of being glorified, and the dignity of being encouraged ~~the~~ (by his imperial condescensions), according to their respective merits, should know, that now the worth-obeying edicts, summoning the (said) well-wishers (to the Court) have been brought by Malukshah, the Chief of Mesors, from the exalted Court.

Whereas, we with prosperity and glory, have recovered those sincere ~~and~~ ones for the important services in the thanas of the Deccan; therefore, we forward them the exalted Firmans (edicts) per Shah Mohammad, a servant of the exalted imperial Court.

It is necessary, that those well-wishers (SURAJ Singh etc.) should deliver their representations, in reply to these 'Firmans' to us, per the said Shah Muhammad, that we may hand the same over to Maluk Shah and ~~xxxx~~ send him back to the exalted Court.

They should also send their Sazawals (messengers) separately to the exalted Royal Court, with their despatches on the same subject.

The contents of the despatches of those well-wishers should be this :-

"Whereas the servants of the exalted Court of the glorious, victorious and triumphant King (i.e. Prince Khurram ...

as us on (some) important posts in the thanas of this Suba (province), and believing the welfare of the State and the good of the government in our remaining x here, they have sent the best of the faithful, 'Allami Afzal Khan', to the Arsh-resembling Court; therefore we are staying here, till t we receive the reply to our representations."

Regarding our royal favours and condescensions to be as complete on them, they should be hopeful for various kinds of other regards.

D/- 21st Aban Elahi ..17.
9th Muharram 1032 A.H.
14th October, 1622.

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Old No.47. New No. 46

J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

The pride of the peers and equals, worthy of regards and obligation, RAJA SOORAJ SINGH, being distinguished by and hopeful for the excessive Imperial boons, should acknowledge, that as a token of great condescension we are (pleased) to send, for his elevation and honour, a winter Khilat (robe) per Muttalib.

It is necessary, that he should be zealously discharging the duties entrusted to him; and should not deviate from the words and orders of the high-born and glorious Prince and those of the Right hand of the eminent Caliphate, Munarizuddin, Mahabat Khan, and (in doing so), he should be ~~kept~~ hopeful for further Royal regards, according to his services, sincerity and devotion.

He should not disobey the orders.

D/- 26th Isfandarmuz Elahi , 18.

February, 1623.

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Old No.46. New No. 47

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J A H A N G I R.

SEAL:- Same as in No.44.

The chosen of the contemporaneous peers and equals, worthy of regards and obligation, RAJAH SUR, xexxxxbeing consoled by and hoping for the Imperial condescensions, should acknowledge that Behzad and Allauddin, (when coming from Sirsa), lodged a complaint in the Court, (alleging) that Askaran, Kesho Das and others of the Kandlot and Joya clans of the Pargana of Bhatner, had raided their villages, and having murdered Rai Jallu and others, and expelled the inhabitants of some twelve villages, had looted the belongings and cattle of the said villages.

If it be a fact, (then) it is necessary, that he (RAJA SUR) should punish and oblige them to restore whatever property they have looted, to the owners. He should not allow any body to tyrannize xxx over them.

He should not evade this order, and should regard it as his duty.

D/- 17th Tir Elahi ...18.
June, 1623.

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God is Great.

Old No.48. New No. 48

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J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

The choice of the contemporaneous peers and equals, worthy of regards and obligation, RAI SURAT SINGH, being elevated by and hopeful for the Imperial benediction, should know that the facts about his faithfulness to the Government, meritorious services, and the exertions, which he had to undergo in this rainy season to present himself before our fortunate son at Allahabas (Allahabad) have been brought to the exalted notice, from the despatches of the honoured, the revered, the dutiful, the successful, the powerful, the victorious, the fortunate, the coolness of the eye of prosperity and glory, the whiteness on the forehead of greatness and grandeur, the rising place (of the sun) of Divine graces, the object of the favours of the shadow of God, the ornamental head-line of the mandate of felicity, the title of the preface of auspiciousness, the sun of the sky of justice and success, the star in the constellation of grandeur and royalty, the pearl of the diadem of the Great Kingdom, the true offspring of the Caliphate, chosen for the bounties of the Potent King (God), the high-born and dignified lord, the exalted and the high-starred prince, Parwez, and those of the right-hand of the great countries, the pillar of the exalted Caliphate, the support of the victorious Empire, the arm of the eminent Government, the knower of the secrets of the realm, the guardian of statutes of justice, the leader of the elevated throne

(Chiefs), the pillar of the fortune-marked followers, Mubarizuddin Mohabat Khan.

It served as a great recommendation in favour of that worthy of condescensions (SURAT SINGH). May the (Divine) blessings be upon his devoted and meritorious services; because he has been, and is, doing his utmost in discharging his duties with all sincerity, devotion and fidelity.

God willing, he would, by imperial favours, receive honour and elevation to a degree as to become an object of envy to all his peers.

Whereas, the whole of the exalted will and intention is bent upon uprooting that Unfortunate, it is necessary that he (SURAT SINGH), with other faithful servants, should do his best in repelling and removing that ungrateful and unfortunate, and thus, should, once more look honourable before the auspicious and exalted eye, (of His Majesty).

Always seeking after the pleasure of the glorious son, and the right arm of the Caliphate, he should think of their thankfulness or complaint respecting him as effective, and should know for certain that every thing they would ask for that well-wisher of the Empire (SURAT SINGH), would be (readily) granted.

He should believe of the victory, marked also to have reached there, with dignity and glory, in the near future.

D/- 24th Murdad, Ilahi ..19.

July, 1624.

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Old No. 49. New No. 49

J A H A N G I R.

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Seal :- Same as in No. 11.

The pick of the contemporaneous peers and worthy of favours and obligation, RAI SOORAJ SINGH, being distinguished by, and hopeful for the Imperial regards, should acknowledge, that the facts about the war with, and the defeat and flight of the Unfortunate, and about the efforts and sacrifices made by the servants of the Court, have been brought to the sacred notice, from the contents of the despatches of the exalted, the honoured, the dutiful, the successful, the powerful, the victorious, the triumphant, the fortunate, the coolness of the eye of prosperity and glory, the whiteness of the forehead of grandeur and dignity, the pearl of the crown of the great Empire, the rising place of (the sun of) the Divine graces, the worthy(true) son of the magnificient Caliphate, the object of the lights of the favours of the shadow of God, (the King), the ornamental heading of the mandate of liberality, the head-line of the preface of auspiciousness, the ~~highest~~ bright star in the constellation of grandeur and success, the pearl of the casket of worth and fortune, the high-born lord, the elevated and auspicious prince, chosen for the bounties of the Powerful King (God), Prince Parwez, and those of the prop of the State and rule, the pillar of the Caliphate and government, the support of the eminent Empire, the Council of the dignified Caliphate of the Khaqan (the monarch), the trustee of the exalted grandeur of the King, the solver of the intri~~cate~~ cacies of faith and government, t

of the armies in the battle-field of victory and success, the drawn sword in the royal hands (arms), the burnished spear in the enemy-destroying battlefield, the pride of the devoted heroes, the essence of the life-sacrificing loyal servants, the treasurer of the royal secrets, the knower of the Imperial mind, the pick of the leaders of the assembly of Reality (spirituality), the choice of the intimates of the holy place of uniqueness, the lord of pomp and glory, worthy of honour and respects, well-versed in the secrets of the Kingdom, the guardian of the statutes of justice, the foremost of the dignified and exalted Khans(Chiefs), the pillar of the glorious and victorious followers, Mubarizuddin Khane-e-Khanan Bahadur.

It has renewed the Imperial pleasure in his (SURAJ SINGH's) favour. May the blessings (of God) be upon his devoted and meritorious services.

We are sending the horse and "Khilaat"(robe of honour) per Rajah Zorawan for his elevation.

It is necessary, that regarding royal favours always inclined towards his affairs, he should consider the good will of the glorious Prince as that of our exalted self.

D/- 14th Aban Elahi , 19.

October,1624.

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Old No.53. New No. 50

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J A H A N G I R.

The choice of the contemporaneous peers, and worthy of condescensions and obligation, RAI SURAT SINGH, hoping for the Imperial regards should know that Fidai Khan, the object of excessive favours, came into the Court, the Asylum of the World, and brought to the notice of the facts about the devotion and sincerity of that worthy of favours (S.S.). It has become the cause of pleasure in his favour. Our dignified self regard him as one of the best men of our exalted Court.

It is necessary, that composing his mind on all scores, he should regard the good will of the high-born and glorious Prince as that our exalted self, and should not disregard the counsels and suggestions of that arm of the great Caliphate, the real son and the devoted, Khan-e-Jahan.

He should be hopeful for the Imperial favours according to his devotion and sincerity.

He should not disobey the orders.

D/- 17th Bahman Elahi 20.
January, 1625.

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J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

The chosen of the contemporaneous peers and equals and worthy of regards and obligation, RAI SURAT SINGH, being distinguished by and proud of the Imperial complaisance, should acknowledge, that we have, on the exigency of the world-adorning Royal will, elevated the right arm of the great Caliphate, the real devoted son, Khan-e-Jahan, by (the grant of) the exalted Mansab of the Tutor to the glorious and victorious prince, and that of the Commander of the victorious armies serving in the Deccan.

It is necessary, that he (SURAT SINGH) should agree with the counsels and suggestions of that leader of the dignified Khans(Chiefs), which would be in perfect accordance with our pleasure, and should rely upon them in every way.

Whoever from amongst (our) servants would obey and follow that son (Khan-e-Jahan) submissively, he would be honoured by increasing imperial favours and regards in the form of the grant of the title, and the addition in his Mansab and Jagir, according to the recommendations of that Pillar of the powerful Realm; but he, who would be incurring his displeasure would be regarded as an offender and sinner, and the first order (we shall issue) would be for his dismissal from Mansab and (the confiscation of) his Jagir.

He should not evade or disobey this order, and should regard it as his duty.

D/- 7th Tir, 20.
June, 1625.

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(Marginal Postscript).

He (SURAT SINGH) should regard every order, conveyed to him by the devoted servant, Fidai Khan, as from our own auspicious tongue.

A robe for the rainy season, has been bestowed upon him, and is (herewith) despatched.

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J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No.11.

The pick of the contemporaneous peers and worthy of condescensions and obligations, RAO SURAT SINGH, being distinguished by, and hopeful for the Imperial boons, should know, that the Khan-e-Khanan has been ordered to proceed to Bengal on the (very) day, (he receives this order), and the exalted Mansab of the Tutor to the Prince of the inhabitants of the World, and the command of the victorious army has been bestowed upon the right arm of the great Caliphate, the real son and the devoted Khan-e-Jahan.

It is necessary, that he (SURAT SINGH) should, acting upon the exalted orders (of His Majesty), ragard the words and Counsels of that pillar of the eminent and exalted Empire as reliable in all matters, and should believe the gratitude and complaint of that son (Khan-e-Jahan) as effective in every way.

He should know it for certain, that if any one, hereafter, goes to the house of Khan-e-Jahan Khanan, and acts upon his words, and an inkling of it reaches our sacred notice, the first order (we shall issue) would be (for) his dismissal from the Jagir and Mansab; and that we shall punish and chastise him in such a way, as to serve as an exemplary warning for all those, who disobey the (royal) orders.

It is necessary, that acting in obedience to the royal mandate, obeyed by the World, and paramount over the Universe, he should not evade or disregard it.

D/- 6th Shahrewar ..20.
August,1625.

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Seal:- Same as in No.11.

The choice of the peers and equals and worthy of favours and obligation, RAI SURAT SINGH, being distinguished by and hopeful for the royal complaisances, should acknowledge, that the facts about the devotion and sincerity of that worthy of obligations (RAI SURAT SINGH) have been brought to the exalted notice (of His Majesty), from the contents of the despatch of the deserving of unending favours, Fidai Khan, and (this fact) has been the cause of much pleasure in his favour.

It is necessary, (therefore) that regarding the arm of the great Caliphate, the devoted and real son, Khan-enJahan, as the Tutor to the exalted and high-born Prince, and the Commander-in-Chief of the victorious armies, he should exert himself to the utmost in the discharge of his duties.

He should be hn hoping for the Imperial regards in proportion to his services.

D/- 3rd Aban .. 20.

October,1625.

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Old No.54. New No. 54

J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No.11.

The choice of the peers and equals, worthy of regards and obligation, RAO SURAT SINGH being distinguished by, and hopeful for the Imperial benedictions should know, that the Support of the Empire and realm, the Pillar of the Caliphate and Victory (lit. World-conquering), the prop of the victorious government, the Council of the exalted State of the Monarch, the trustee of the elevated granduer of the royalty, the solver of the intricate knots of faith and government, the leader of the armies in the battle-fields of victory and success, the drawn sword in the hands of the King, the burnished spear in the enemy-destroying battle-field, the pride of the life-devoting heroes, the pick of the faithful devotees, the treasurer of the royal secrets, the Knower of the Imperial mind, the chosen of the leaders of the assembly of Reality(Spirituality), the choice of the intimates in the place of grandeur and pomp, worthy of honour and respect, well-versed in the intricacies of the Empire, the guardian of the statutes of justices, the leader of the eminent and dignified Khans(Chiefs), Mubariz-uddin Mahabat Khan Bahadur, the Commander-in-Chief, came into the Court, the Asylum of the World, and attained the fortune and honour of paying his respects.

As a token of perfect kindness and regard, which we had on the affairs of that pillar of the exalted Empire, we have entrusted him with the management of important affairs of the victorious ir

The choice of the disciples(Mahabat Khan) brought to the exalted notice many facts about the devotion and fidelity of that quintessence of the equals (SURAT SINGH), and this fact caused the revival of (royal) pleasure in his favour.

He should put in his best efforts in the discharge of the duties of the Empire, with a mind composed on all scores, and should remain hopeful for the Imperial regards in proportion to his sincerity and devotion.

He should not evade or disregard this order.

D/- 17th Farwardin ..21.

20th March, ~~1625~~ 1626

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Old No.55. New No. 55 ~~79.~~ 78

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The select of the compeers and equals and deserving the condescensions and obligation, RAI SURAT SINGH, being distinguished by and hopeful for the Imperial favours, should know that it has just been brought to the sacred notice that Ambar has died, and a favourable opportunity presented itself.

We issue order (therefore), that as it is the time (for the display) of fidelity, he should, in consonance with other attendants, try his utmost, in uprooting and ~~exit~~ extirpating the unfortunate, and should regard this as a means of promotion in his rank.

We are sending the sincere, Raja Sarang Dev, without fraud or deception (upright and ~~quibbleas~~ quibbleless), who is one of our devoted and trustworthy servants, (~~as~~ and as such, his separation from us was impossible); simply because he may impress upon the minds of our servants how much we, with glory and fortune, are absorbed in the conduct of that expedition.

Whatever he says, must be regarded as (uttered) by our sacred tongue, and he should act accordingly.

He should also believe ourselves to have shortly reached Ajmere in safety and auspiciousness.

D/- 27th Khwardad Elahi ..21.

May, 1626.

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Old No.56. New No.56 ~~80.~~ 79

J A H A N G I R.

The chosen of the contemporaneous peers and equals, worthy of regards and obligation, RAI SURAT SINGH, being distinguished by, and hoping for the Imperial favours, should know, that as there was no such person at Multan who could have satisfied (our) mind, and as his home is near Multan, therefore, as a token of favour, we order him to proceed to the exalted Court on the (very) day he is informed of the contents of this dignified order, in such an expedition that he should neither take water there, nor should even go to his own house.

As soon as he would attain the good fortune and honour of presenting himself at the Court, we shalim, after his (due) elevation, despatch him to Multan.

He should not evade or oppose this order.

D/- 11th Amardad, ..21.

July, 1626.

(Marginal Postscript)

Whereas, the unfortunate, having surpassed in faithlessness had conceived of the frivolous intentions in his mind, ~~dex~~ we have, on the exigency of royal (Jahangir's) justice, deputed our illustrious son, Sultan Dawar Bakhsh to take the vengeance of his father's murder by putting that wretched one to sword, and that he should, with the glorious and victorious Prince Shaharyar, and other servants numbering about 20,000 horsemen, attack that rebel, and annihilate him. He should not withol - hands- om

from him, till that xx wretched one is made away with and reduced to the black dust.

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God is Great.

Old No.57. New No. 57

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J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No.11.

The pick of the peers and equals, worthy of regards and obligation, RAI SURAT SINGH, being distinguished by and hoping for the Imperial favours, should know, that whereas, we deputed Mahabat Khan to Thatta against the unfortunate, we order the choice of the peers (SURAT SINGH) that on the (very) day he is informed of the contents of this favour-marked exalted mandate, he should without the least delay and hesitation, leave the place, wherever he might be (at that time), and proceed to Burhanpur; because the presence of such devotees (as SURAT SINGH) is ~~EXEN~~ essentially required in that Province.

He should not evade or disregard this order.

D/- 27th Mihr ...21.

September,1626.

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Old No.58. New No. 58 ~~85.~~ 82

J A H A N G I R.

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Seal:- Same as in No.18.

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The deputies of RAJA SURAT SINGH, the choice of his equals, should know that whereas the Royal servants and the Zamindars have been ordered to try their utmost to annihilate the black-faced (wretched) Mahabat Khan Kodhi, we order them as well that if he, or the men of that accursed, enter the territory or the estate of RAJA SURAJ SINGH, they should do their best in arresting, killing, capturing and plundering him or his men, and we bestow upon them whatever property they wrest from him. They should do their utmost in regard to this matter.

As ~~regards~~ urged by the royal justice (of Jahangir), we proclaim that if any one of the train of that unfortunate would come to the Court after his desertion, or would retire to his native land, his sons should be regarded as pardoned.

They should not oppose or disobey this order.

D/- 11th Aban, ...21.

October,1626.

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Seal of Noorjahan:- God is great: With the light of the sun (or love) of Jahangir, the ruler of the World, the signet of Noorjahan Badshah became illuminated.

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The Commissioner of RAJA SURAJ SINGH, the pick of his equals, should know, that whereas, ~~as~~ an exalted mandate has been issued in ~~tx~~ his name, from the sublime Court, he should, therefore, acting in accordance with its contents, be too cautious and careful to evade it. He should be ~~hp~~ hoping for the royal ~~vasurs~~ favours and exalted condescensions in proportion to his service, devotion and sincerity.

He should not oppose or evade this order.

D/- 11th Aban, ... 21.

October,1626.

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Old No.60. New No. 60

J A H A N G I R.

Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

The pick of the peers and grandees, worthy of regards and obligation, RAI SURAT SINGH, being distinguished by and hoping for the Imperial favours, should know, that before this, an exalted mandate has been issued in his name, (to the effect) that he should reach Burhanpur as soon as possible. At present, for greater emphasis, ~~xx~~ we order, that on the (very) day, the ~~xxx~~ sincere and devoted Jamal Mohammad, one of the reliable and faithful attendants of the world-protecting Court, reaches there, he should, without the least delay or hesitation, leave for Burhanpur in company of the aforesaid (Jamal Mohammad), and should regard it a great commendation ~~x~~ in ~~xxx~~ his favour.

The sooner he would try to reach there, the more commendable would it be for that well-wisher (of the State).

As a mark of (our) favour, we have sanctioned the proposal of an increase (in the grant) as already suggested by the comptrollers of the affairs at Burhanpur, and conferred the ~~xxxxxx~~ former Jagir upon that well-wisher (of the State).

Hoping for further increase in royal favours, he should not disregard or evade this order.

D/- 19th Dai, ... 21.

November,1626.

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God is Great.

Old No.88. New No.61

Seal of Jahangir.

The chosen of the peers and equals, worthy of favours and obligation,RAI,SOURAJ SINGH, being distinguished with, and proud of the royal graces, should know that, when he bade farewell to the deceased Prince, he had stated that, as soon as the royal mandate from the Court, the asylum of the World, would reach him, he would at once return to Burhanpur. Before this, an Imperial order, regarding his return, has been (already) issued. (It is) believed,it would have been carried into effect accordingly.

If, due to some reasons, delay is caused in his leaving (that place), he should, on the (very) day, when receiving the information of this kindness-titled mandate, proceed to Burhanpur without delay or hesitation, (to join) the helping hand of the eminent Caliphate, the true and devoted son, Khan-e-Jahan.

He should not admit of any negligence or delay in his going. He should be careful(not) to oppose this order, and should not evade it.

D/- 14th Azar, 21.

December,1626.

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Seal:- Same as in No. 11.

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The exalted and auspicious mandate has just now received the honour of being issued, and the dignity of being passed, that the Pargana of Nagore and other places, as specified in the endorsement, be conferred and ~~other~~ confirmed as Jagir, upon RAO SURAJ SINGH, the choice of the peers and equals, from the beginning of the Kharif (autumn crop) of Tush-quan-il, on the dismissal of Amar Singh.

The comptrollers of the Diwani affairs, and thos in charge of the Imperial duties and functions, in obedience to the exalted, sacred and dignified(royal) orders, should commit the above Mahals(districts) to the charge of the above-mentioned (Surat Singh), and should regard it safe and secure from the ad-mixture of change or alteration.

The injunction to the Chaudharies, the Kanungos, the Headmen, the ryot and the zmitax cultivators of that Mahal, is that giving him all accounts of the revenues and other civil obligations, crop to crop and year to year, they should not retain or withold anything from him.

They should follow this order in every way. They should not evade or x oppose this order and should regard it as their duty.

D/- 16th Mihr ..22.

29th September,1627.

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DAWAR BAKHSH.

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Seal:xxxSame of Dawar Bakhsh.

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The pick of the peers and equals, worthy of regard and obligation, RAI SOORAJ SINGH, being distinguished by and hopeful for the Imperial favours should know that whereas the aspiring soul (of His Majesty) soaring up at the call of "Return thee (O' Soul!) to thy Lord happily and willingly," (a quetation from the Quran), has taken its abode in the neighbourhood of the Beneficent King(God); (His Majesty the has died) therefore, the adoxrner of the throne in the Court of Purity, the increaser of the light of the Capital (place of throne) of chastity, the candle of the mansion of prosperity and fortune, the embellisher f the four walls of honour and glory, the beautifier of the cushion and t of times and ages, the honour of the inhabitants of the World, the Nawab with Pleiades as her courtyard and the sky as her screen, Her Majesty, Nurjahan Begum, and other members of the State and the nobles of the Court, thought it proper that the lamp of the family of Sahib Qiran(Timur) be lighted by the beneficent, exalted, holy and auspicious personality of ourself.

Therefore on the 7th of the Month of Aban, we ascended the throne of the Empire and fortune with prosperity and glory.

We have issued worth-obeying orders to all the devoted servants, (to the effect) that thanking

utmost in faithfulness, service and sincerity, they should with full hopes, be discharging the duties entrusted to them, zealously, and should always be despatching the news about their respective places to the royal Court.

We have also given some verbal orders about (certain) matters to his (S.Singh's) agents, and regarding them as if from our own tongue, he should act accordingly

D/- 20th Aban, .. 22.

October, 1627.

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God is Great.

Old No.63. New No. 64

JAHANGIR.

Sealxx of Khane-Jahan.

Whereas the fort of Marot(?) has been conferred, as Jagir, upon Raja SUR, the asylum of authority, the master of valour and glory and the offspring of the Great, beginning from the autumn crop of Tushquan-il, according to the rules and regulations, (it is necessary) that the Chaudharies, the Kaungos, the ryot, and the cultivators(attached) to the aforesaid fort should regard the above-mentioned (R. SUR) as their Jagirdar, and should account for the revenue and other civil obligations to his deputies without decreasing or witholding anything therefrom.

Showing him their subject-like/submission, they should not evade this order.

D/- 2nd Rabi-us-Sani. 1037 A.H.

12th December,1627.

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God is Great.

Old. No:64.New No. 65

J A H A N G I R.

Seal:~~at~~ Same as in No.11.

The deputies of the worthy of favours and obligation RAI SURAJ SINGH, Zamindar (landlord) of Bikaner, hoping (for the royal favours) should know, that, whereas, it has reached the holy notice, that Mansur, Bhatti and other rebels of Lakhi Jangal etc. are committing lawlessness and brutality, therefore on the exigency of Jahangir's justice, we have issued orders to the right arm of the mighty realms, the trustee of the great Caliphate, the pillar of the victorious State and the prop of the illuminated Empire, well-versed in the secrets of the Government, the Keeper of the laws of justice, the chosen confifent of the Imperial secrets, the sincerest intimate of the Royalty, the lord of grandeur and dignity, worthy of respect and honour, the chief of the dignified Khans, Nizamuddin (Asaf Khan), that he should punish those rebels in such a way as to leave no trace of them in those Parganas and Mahals.

That right arm of the Caliphate, accordingly, sent Alif Khan from the Court, (with the orders), that he should do his best, and exert himself to his utmost in chastising and extirpating them.

It is necessary, that when he (Alif Khan) calls them (the deputies) on any Imperial duty, which may arise there, they should, with proper equipment and forces, come forward, and do their utmost in helping and assisting him loyally and devotedly.

They should regard the gratitude and the complaints of the aforesaid as effective. They should not evade or disobey the orders.

D/- 2nd .

God is Great.

Old. No:64.New No. 65

J A H A N G I R.

Seal:af Same as in No.11.

The deputies of the worthy of favours and obligation RAI SURAJ SINGH, Zamindar (landlord) of Bikaner, hoping (for the royal favours) should know, that, whereas, it has reached the holy notice, that Mansur, Bhatti and other rebels of Lakhi Jangal etc. are committing lawlessness and brutality, therefore on the exigency of Jahangir's justice, we have issued orders to the right arm of the mighty realms, the trustee of the great Caliphate, the pillar of the victorious State and the prop of the illuminated Empire, well-versed in the secrets of the Government, the Keeper of the laws of justice, the chosen confifent of the Imperial secrets, the sincerest intimate of the Royalty, the lord of grandeur and dignity, worthy of respect and honour, the chief of the dignified Khans, Nizamuddin (Asaf Khan) , that he should punish those rebels in such a way as to leave no trace of them in those Parganas and Mahals.

That right arm of the Caliphate, accordingly, sent Alif Khan from the Court, (with the orders), that he should do his best, and exert himself to his utmost in chastising and extirpating them.

It is necessary, that when he (Alif Khan) calls them (the deputies) on any Imperial duty, which may arise there, they should, with proper equipment and forces, come forward, and do their utmost in helping and assisting him loyally and devotedly.

They should regard the gratitude and the complaints of the aforesaid as effective. They should not evade or disobey the orders.

D/- 2nd .

J A H A N G I R.

Seal of Khan-e-Khanan

RAJA SURAJ SINGH, the asylum of authority and the lord of honour and glory! May you live in honour!

It should be clear (to you), that whereas the sublime mandates in your name and that of the other people have received the honour of being issued from the eminent Court, (to the effect) that they (the addressees) should proceed to the exalted Court.

You know the ways and manners of the people of the Deccan, and also(know) that after how much exertion and expenditure, these Imperial countries have been managed.

You know that a large number of the chosen servants have been retained in these territories to pacify the hearts of the loyal inhabitants.

Under the circumstances, if so many men leave (those territories) all at once, it would not be compatible with the welfare of the eternal kingdom.

The slaves of the Court of the Lord of the world, have submitted a petition to the Court, the asylum of the orld, praying for allowing you to remain there.

x It is proper, that you should stay there, waiting for fresh orders; because after the receipt and perusal of facts from this place, if any order is issued, who would venture to disobe

God is Great.

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Old No.66. New No. 67

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J A H A N G I R.

The choice of the peers, the best of the nobles, the quintessence of the equals, the pride of his brothers, RAO SURAJ SINGH! May he receive Ram Ram! (our best compliments).

The letter which he had sent, has been received, and its contents have been fully understood.

As to what he had written about his Jagi ,(he is informed in reply) that the whole of his Jagir has been allotted in his native place for his salary, and its sanads, after completion, would be sent by his vakil(agent).

Appeasing his mind on all scores, he should believe the attention of the holy and exalted mind, the observer of the spiritual regions (of His Majesty) to be in the highest degree in his favour, and should also regard our (writer's) mind as inclined towards the management of his auspicious-ending affairs. He should, quite informally, communicate all his wishes and desires, which would be readily fulfilled.

What more should be stated?

D/- 8th of Mihr, ...?

September, ?

(Marginal Portscript).

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Raoji should receive our Ram Ram (compliments). Whatever was the essential of love has been done; and there shall be no curtailment in doing what is possible. He should compose his noble min ll respect

respect, and should regard our kindness in his favour to be in the highest pitch. What more should be stated?

May the days of the love last long!

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God is Great.

Old No.67. New No. 68

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J A H A N G I R.

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The choice of the peers and equals, the pride of the clans and chiefs, the best of all the eminent Rais, RAO SOOR SINGH, be caressed by the Imperial condescensions!

(The writer) makes it known to the noble mind that whereas, the irresistible exalted mandate has been issued in his name(to the effect),that he should instantly leave for Burhanpur. It is proper and becoming that regarding the favours and complaisances of the slaves of the Court, the asylum of Caliphate, (i.e. of His Majesty) to be in the highest degree on him, he should, on the receipt of this auspicious mandate, proceed to Burhanpur with his men and armies without delay, and should perform the necessary Imperial duties(there).

Believing our heart as always inclined to ameliorate his affairs, he should refer to us all the desires he has, as utmost effort would be made to fulfil the same.

He should proceed forthwith with full hope and peace of mind, and should, in no case, allow any delay in this respect.

God willing, he would be elevated and honoured with the glorious rewards of his meritorious services.

The (note) has not been too much lengthened.

D/- 22nd Azar, ...

December, ?

(Marginal Postscript).

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May Raoji receive(our) 'Ram compliments)!

He should in accordance with what is written proceed thither with full hope and energy, and nothing shall be spared in (showing) various degrees of love (to him). His great undertakings would be fulfilled in the near future. What more should be written. The remaining facts would be told to him through the vakils verbally. A private robe of honour has also been conferred upon him.

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GOD IS GREAT.

Old No.86. New No. 69

Seal:- JAHANGIR.

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Firman of the father of the victorious, Mohammad Nooruddin, Jahangir, Badshah-e-Ghazi.

Lady GangaBai, the consort of RAI, RAI SINGH, being hopeful of royal favours, should know that Rawal Kalla has sent a petition to the (royal) ~~threhse~~ threshold of dignity and glory (to the effect) that the jewels of Rawal Bhim are all in possession of the daughter of RAI, RAI SINGH, the lady of Rawal Bhim. For this purpose, we send Jamal Mohammad Khawas (chief-attendant), that he may fetch those jewels with two servants to the Court.

Therefore, no sooner she is informed of the contents of this order, proper to be obeyed, and Jamal Mohammad reaches there, than (she should) taking all the jewels with two servants, leave for our presence to kiss the ground, and having arrived (here) should place everything before our auspicious eye, so that whatever royal order is issued might be brought into effect.

If, accidentally, something out of it has been given over to some one else, that too, after having been realised back, should be brought (here), and if that person has some objection in that matter, he or she should also be brought to the Court, so that there might be no occasion to recall (him or her).

We have said some words to Jamal Mohammad to convey our orders to her. Whatever he says should be regarded as (uttered) by our auspicious tongue.

A private Shawl per the aforesaid (Jamal Mohammad) is sent for elevation.

Believing great care in this respect, she should not swerve or deviate from this order.

D/- 21 Amardad Elahi.

July,

Back:- Seal of Asaf Khan.

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Old No.68. New No.70

J A H A N G I R.

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The choice of the equals and f peers, RAI SURAJ SINGH being honoured and glorified by the Imperial favour, should know that our glorious-self regards him as one of the helpful adherents of this exalted Court.

As a token of favour we have called him to remembrance that instantly on the receipt of this exalted mandate .... by acquiring good fortune of presenting(himself) ....

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Old No.70. New No. ~~72~~ 71

S H A H J A H A N.

Seal:- Abulmuzaffar Shahabuddin Mohammad Sahib Qiran-e-Sani Shahjahan Badshah Ghazi, son of Nooruddin Jahangir Badshah, son of Akbar Badshah etc.

The choice of the peers and equals and worthy of regard and obligation RAO SURAT SINGH being encouraged by and hopeful for the Imperial favour, should know that, as there is a very short time left in the approach of the rainy season, and as the waters (rivers) of Thatta are in flood in that season, making the traffic extremely difficult in such torrents; therefore, we have ordered that worthy of private favours and manifest graces, habituated with courage and valour, the pillar of the Empire, Sher Khwaja to proceed to Thatta in speedy marches one after another.

On the day when he receives the knowledge of the contents of the exalted order, and the trustworthy Mohsin, the Sazawal (Pursuivant) reaches there, he should start thither, without delay or procrastination, with his armies and equipage.

He should arrange it in such a way that he may join the said (Sher Khwaja), worthy of obligation at Multan, and he should, in concord with him, raid that 'Wicked of the Empire', should capture him alive or send his head to the exalted Court. He should regard this fact as greatly commendable on his part.

He should also be rest assured tha f he shows any negligence or excuse i d

fact comes to the holy notice, it would occasion the displeasure (lit. dust) of the spirituality observing heart.

He should not evade the order and should be careful to oppose the order.

D/- Urdi Bihisht ... 1.

April,1628.

(SEAL OF ASAF KHAN)

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God is Great.

Old No.71. New No. 72

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Seal:- Same as in No. 70.

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The choice of the equals and contemporaries, the glory of the peers and grandees, worthy of regard and obligation, RAO SUR, being honoured by and hopeful for the Imperial favours, should know that with the help of Divine Grace and the unfailing Imperial glory, the 'Wicked of the Empire', ensnared by the retribution of his misdeeds and evil doings, has become a hand-tied prisoner of Mirza Esa Tarkhan, the worthy of favour and obligation, and at present, there remains no work in that province. Therefore, we order him that he should proceed towards the heaven-resembling Court from the very place he receives the information of the contents of the exalted order.

He should regard expedience as necessary in coming, and should not evade the order.

D/- 22nd Urdi Bihisht, 1.

April, 1628.

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S H A H J A H A N.

Seal:- Same as in No. 70.

The choice of the equals and contemporaneous peers, worthy of regard RAO SURAJ SINGH being elevated by and hopeful for the Imperial favour, should know that whereas, with the help of the Divine grace and undeclining royal glory, the conquest of Kabul has been bestowed upon the well-wishers of the daily-increasing Empire; we, therefore, order, that on the (very) day he receives the knowledge of the contents of the exalted mandate, he should, with all hope, proceed to the Court, the Asylum of the World. He should resort to utmost expedition in coming, and should regard the holy and exalted (royal) countenance as ever-increasing in his favour.

He should not evade or disobey the order.

D/- 5th Mehr, ... 1.

September, 1628.

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God is Great.

Old No.69. New No. 74

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SULTAN MOHAMMAD DAWAR BAKHSH.

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Seal:- Same as in No. 62.

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The pick of the peers and equals and worthy of regard and obligation, RAI SURAT SINGH being distinguished by and hopeful for the Imperial favours, should know, that on the 28th of Aban, first year of our reign, the accursed Shahryar met face to face with (our) victorious armies, and after being repulsed, took refuge in the Fort of Lahore. The truimphant forces went in pursuit of him and captured him in the Fort.

Our prosperous and fortunate-self ascended the Imperial throne on Tuesday, the 29th of Aban, and put him(Shaharyar) in the prison.

He(RAI SURAT SINGH) should, with a peaceful mind on all scores, continue discharging the duty entrusted to him, with zeal and vigour.

He should not evade the order.

D/- 29th Aban, 1.

October, ~~1627~~ 1628

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God is Great.

Old No.73. New No. 75

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S H A H J A H A N.

Seal:- Same as in No. 70.

The pick of the equals and contemporaneoas peers, worthy of regard and obligation, RAO SUR being encouraged by and hoping for the Imperial favour, should know that on the day he receives the knowledge of the contents of the exalted mandate, worthy ~~xx~~ to be obeyed and submitted to, he should, with all hope and proper forces, proceed towards the Court, the asylum of the World. He should resort to utmost expedition in coming.

And not being bound to accompany the pillar of the Empire, the prop of the realm and the trustworthy counsellor, Khwaja Abul Hasan, the sooner he conveys himself, the more commendable it would be.

He should regard the exalted condescension as increasing day by day in his favour.

D/- 11th Asfandarmuz, 2.

February, 1629.

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Old No. 74. New No. 76 ~~103.~~ 105

S H A H J A H A N.

Seal:- Same as in No. 70.

The choice of the peers and contemporaries, worthy of regard and obligation, RAO SUR, being honoured by and hoping for the Imperial favours, should, know that precedent to this, the eminent order had been issued in the name of that pick of the contemporaries (to the effect), that he should reach the exalted Court earlier than the pillar of the Empire, the prop of the elevated realm and the trustworthy counsellor Khwaja Abul Hasan. All the servants, entrusted with that duty, have been honoured by the good fortune of salutation, while he (RAO SUR), has delayed in coming. He has not acted properly.

We order, (therefore), that on the day he receives knowledge of the contents of the eminent order, and Syed Mansur reaches (there), he should reach the exalted Court with all haste, as the sooner he conveys himself to the exalted Court, the more commendable would it be (~~xxx~~ on his part).

He should not evade the order.

D/- 14th Asfandarmuz, 2.

February, 1629.

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God is Great.

Old No.75. New No. 77

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S H A H J A H A N.

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Seal:- Same as in No. 70.

The best of the equals and contemporaries, the glory of the peers and nobles, worthy of regard and obligation RAO SURAT SINGH, being honoured by and ~~hp~~ hopeful for the Imperial favours should know that the facts about the exertions of the devoted servants and faithful devotees in defeating, killing and extirpating all the accursed have been brought to the exalted notice (of His Majesty) from the contents of the despatches of the pillar of the Empire, the prop of the eminent realm, worthy of resplendant favours, deserving of excessive kindnesses, object of unlimited boons Shaista Khan. Especially the details of the devotion, sincerity and the commendable exertions of that choice of the contemporaries (RAO SURAT SINGH) have been fully brought to the exalted notice. It became the cause of a thousand praises and acclamations. May the (Divine) blessings be upon that worthy of obligation.

God willing, after the conclusion of this expedition, he would be glorified by various kinds of Imperial condescensions. He should, as usual, doing his utmost in annihilating the accursed, arrange it in such a way as to leave no name ~~nn~~ or trace of them.

He should regard the exalted complaisance as daily increasing in his favour.

D/- 11th Khwardad, 3.
May, 1630.

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S H A H J A H A N.

Seal:- Same as in No.70.

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The pick of the equals and contemporaries, the pride (glory) of peers and nobles, worthy of regard and obligation,RAI SURAT SINGH, being encouraged by and hopeful for the Imperial favours, should know that the facts about the efforts, loyalty and the maintaining of the forces of that choice of the equals have been brought to the exalted notice, and this fact has been much commendable on his part.

Whereas, the sole high-intentioned and world-conquering energy of the Sahib Qiran(Shahjahan's title) is concentrated and inclined towards the fact that the unmanaged country of the accursed, should, very soon, come under the possession of the friends of the glorious Empire, and that the faithless and cursed ones, should be captured by the retribution of their misdoings; therefore, it has been resolved in the heart, the manifestation of (Divine) grace that our glorious and auspicious-self, (personally) with large forces, mountainous elephants, immense treasure and massive artillery, should proceed to Bala Ghat, and should set the victorious armies, fully arranged and equipped, to conquer the remain--ing disorganised countries of the ill-mannered and to extirpate the faithless accursed. So that, with the help of the Divine favour and the undeclining Royal glory, they may bring those remaining dis-organised countries in the possession of the well-wishers of the glorious Empire, and that the heroes of the army of Islam, with glory in their grip,may make the ungrateful and faithless peo dde

We order that well-wisher (RAI SURAT SINGH) 106.
that, as the rainy season is a hindrance in traffic and mobilisation; therefore he should, being at his xxx own place and abode, spare no pains in making provisions for himself and his men. He should keep himself ready and prepared in such a way, that as soon as (our)exalted flags, with truimph and glory, proceed to Bala Ghat from Burhanpur, he should, after being honoured with the good fortune of offering salutation and respect, discharge the duties creditably and (thus) become the object of Imperial favours.

We further ordain, that whoever from amongst the servants of the Empire, would offer the forces according to the regulation in this expedition, would cause great pleasure (of His Majesty) in his favour, and similarly he who would maintain greater forces than what fixed, would be elevated by various kinds of condescensions, regards or increase in the Mansab; while he, who would keep the armies less than those prescribed in the rules, would be punished by us in such a way as to be an exemplary warning for all the servants.

Hence, we order before time, that from to-day, he should beginxxxx begin to equip his armies and should admit of no xxx negligence or carelessness in this matter.

Believing the exalted (royal) favour as turned towards him, he should not evade the order.

We are despatching Makamat Khan, the worthy of regard and obligation from the exalted Presence,that after delivering the mandates, proper to be obeyed, to the Royal servants, he may communicate to them verbally, all that he has been ordered to do, and that having made an estimate of the forces of every one of them, he may state the facts i alte

exalted presence.

D/- 23rd Tir, 3.

~~July~~
June, 1630.

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Old No.89. New No. 79 ~~127.~~ 110

Seal of Shahjahan.

The choice of the peers and contemporaries, worthy of favours and obligation, RAO KARAN, being consoled by and hoping for the royal graces, should know that from the contents of the letters written after the siege of the fort of Daulatabad by the helping hand of the eminent Caliphate, the pillar of the sublime Empire, the knower of the secrets of the Kingdom, the guardian of the laws of justice, the possessor of dignity and glory, deserving of regard and respect, the leader of the high-born and eminent Khans (Chiefs), the best of the dignified and victorious grandees, Khan-e-Khanan, the Commander-in-Chief, and (which) were despatched to the Court, the shelter of the World.

The acquiescence of the victorious Commanders-in-Chief with that choice of the peers (RAO KARAN), and the maintaining of forces, hard exertions and devoted efforts that have been exhibited by him during the siege of the said fort became known to our world-adorning mind, and this fact was commendable on his part.

Whatever is becoming of devotion, army-leadership, zealous and exertions and manly valour, (all) was performed by him. God willing, when the fort of Daulatabad is conquered by the blessing of the undeclining Imperial glory, every sort of recommendation that the exalted Commander-in-Chief, quintessence of the realm and pillar of the Empire, Khan-e-Zaman, would make regarding the increase of (his) Mansab and other favours, would be acceded to,

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and he (RAO KARAN) would be elevated accordingly.

He should, therefore, spare no pains, as heretofore, to please that Commander-in-Chief; because the harder he xh would work, the more favourable would be the outcome for him.

D/- 2nd Urdi Bihisht, 6.

April, 1632.

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Old No.90.New No. 80

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' I begin with the name of God
that is Kind and Mer-
ciful!

(i) The Royal title prefixed:- Alamgir Badshah-e-Ghazi,etc.

(ii) " " " " - Mohammad Muazzam Shah etc.

Seal:- Mohammad Muazzam son of Alamgir Badshah-e-Ghazi (1073).

At this time, associated with fortune, the letter, titled with affection, was ornamented and adorned with being issued (to the effect) that, as with the (through) mediation of the blessed of our elevated Court, it reached our exalted notice, that the districts of Banwari, Karanpur, and the dependencies of the Aurangabad, auspiciously founded, belong ~~tp~~ to RAO KARAN, the chosen of his equals and peers, worthy of favours and obligation,natured to bravery and valour.

Since he is hopeful of our bright regards and holy graces that the revenue of the above-mentioned districts be given over to the said RAO as a reward, the (royal patent) proper to be obeyed and submitted ~~to~~ to has, consequently received the honour of being issued that, we confer the above two districts as specified in the endorsement upon that worthy of great favours.

The comptrollers of affairs, the managers of accounts, the tax-gatherers and the revenue-collectors of the present as well as of the future, should regard those districtsx as belonging to the afore--

aforesaid RAI, and effecting all dues and obligations, such as the rent of forts, presents, poor-maintenance tax, administration dues, the fees of the bailiff, one fifth of the product, the dues of the Kanungo and those of the headmen, as cancelled and abolished, should not interfere (in their affairs with any reason whatsoever.

Working hard to render the sublime order as established and confirmed, they should regard it as preserved and safe from (undergoing) any change. They should not evade or disobey the order, proper to be carried out.

D/- 5th of Shawwal, 7th year of Coronation.

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Seal:- Muazzam Shah.

14th Jamadi-ud-Sani, the 7th year of Coronation.

25th April, 1664 A.D.

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14th Jamadi-ud-Sani, the 7th
year of Coronation.

25th April, 1664 A.D.

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Old No.91. New No. 81

A U R A N G Z E B.

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The choice of the equals and contemporaries, ANUP SINGH, submissive to Islam, hoping for the Imperial condescension, should know, that Banwalidas, his brother reached our heaven-like threshold as led by his good fortune, received the honour of xpaying obeisance to the exalted Royalty and became the object of Imperial favours. The facts about his (A.S's) unfaltering devotion and allegiance have been brought to (our) ears of total truth through Jaffar Khan, the curator of the sublime Empire, the (most) trustworthy of all the esteemed viziers, the choice of the high-stationed "Khans" (Chiefs), the manager of the affairs of State and Government, the guide of the open roads of prosperity and glory, worthy of various kinds of favours, fit for manifold regards, the fortune-marked chief, the essence of the Kingdom, and the centre of important affairs (Mudar-ul-Muham).

It has also been brought to our notice that RAO KARAN became suspicious of and displeased with that choice of the peers (A.S.) and hankers after incurring him loss, and that the said worthy of favours (A.S.) requests that if he is favoured with the succession to his father, he would perform all the necessary rites of devotion and fidelity quite commendably.

We had, ~~hence~~ hence, issued order to that best of all the dignified ministers (Jaffar Khan), that he should, in obedience to our exalted order, write him ~~x~~ a letter, regarding an inquiry into this case. That young plant of the high-stationed adorners(i.e.

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Ȣ(i.e. youthful ruler - A. SINGH) wrote that in case the great gift and sublime favour were bestowed on him, and the exalted order, adorned with the auspicious impression of the hand (with fingers expanded) were issued in his name, he could be able to acquit himself creditably of the charge of administrating and organising that place, and guarding the fort of Bikaner. This fact caused an addition in (our) sublime favours.

Whereas the aforesaid RAO(KARAN) did not perform any work or service in these days, and due to his wretchedness he took to lethargy in (carrying out) our orders, always to be obeyed, and had, once more, become the object of various wrongs; hence we, in token of our great condescension, granted that leader of the peers (A.S.) the Mansab of 2,000 "Zat" (personal) ~~xx~~ and 1,500 horse, that, after the demise of RAO SUR, was granted to Karan, in the reign of (Shahjahan, the late) King, (now) protected by the (Divine) pardon, glorified as ~~Rxx~~ Rizwan (- the keeper of Paradise), with his resting place in paradise, and abode in the sublimest part of heaven, Firdaus Ashiani(the title of the deceased King, Shahjahan).

Similarly, we have elevated him by the grant of the title of Rao, a rich robe of honour, the standard, horse, and the State of Bikaner with the adjoining districts, that belonged to the [illegible] place or the Jagir of Karan, according [illegible] endorsement, that would also be [illegible] royal mandate, exemplary of [illegible]

With a view to elevate [illegible] of the peers, we have [illegible] decree with the auspicious [illegible]

(with expanded fingers), and have sent it per Saifullah, the worthy of favours, who is one of the trustworthy born-slaves of the Court of heavenly grandeur.

He should, on the receipt of this exalted mandate, and taking into consideration the worth of our sublime condescension, offer his thanks for these gifts and favours. He should try his utmost in quieting and conciliating the servants of [illegible] uniting them with [illegible] and in guarding and watching the fort of that place and the districts belonging to Bikaner.

He should keep [illegible] satisfied in every way, (himself) being firm on the straight path of trust and confidence, and being constant on the direct road of loyalty and fidelity. An order has been issued to [illegible], a [illegible] of [illegible] Fatehpur and [illegible], [illegible] of Ajmer - the city of [illegible], [illegible], the [illegible] (to this effect) that, [illegible] should, at the time of [illegible], [illegible].

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'I begin with the name of God,
who is Kind and Merci-
ful!

Old No.79. New No. 82

A L A M G I R.

Seal:- Abuz-zafar Muhiuddin Mohammad Aurangzeb Bahadur Alamgir Badshah Ghazi.

The pick of the equals and contemporaries, worthy of favour and complaisant to Islam, RAO ANUP SINGH, being hopeful for the Imperial regard, should know that whereas it has now been brought to the holy and exalted notice that (RAI) KARAN, in obedience to the Divine will and heavenly ordainment, has rolled up the luggage of his existence from this mortal world(shuffled off this mortal coil); therefore, an order, proper to be obeyed, and worthy of being submitted to, has received the honour of being issued, that, henceforth that worthy of favour (ANUP SINGH), should try his utmost in the management of Bikaner and the adjoining districts with perfect peace of mind.

We have not summoned his brothers, who were in the Deccan, to the luminous Court, rather we have ordered them to remain there.

As a token of our favour, we (are pleased to) confer upon him a robe of honour.

D/- 22nd Safar, 2.

22 July, ~~1679~~ 1669.

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Old No.92. New No. 83

Seal:- Muazzam Shah son of Alamgir
Badshah-e- Ghazi.

The chosen of the peers, the glorious of the grandees, worthy of grace and obligation, fit for conferring kindness and favour, RAO ANUP SINGH, being proud of and elevated by the royal regards, shoul know that the letter which was delivered to the (royal) sublime threshold obligatory to the profound faith and sincere fidelity, was honoured with (our) esteemed perusal. Its sincerity-marked contents became known to our golden mind.

He should, being steady on the straight road of loyal attendance and well-wishing, regard our sublime favours as attached to his affairs, ~~resemb~~ ~~ling~~ resulting in fidelity, and should always send letters continuously.

D/- 17th Zee-il-Hij year 45.

27th January,1671.

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EGod is Great.

Old No.78. New No. 84

A U R A N G Z E B.

Seal:- Same as in No. 77.

The pick of the contemporaries, the pride of the Chiefs, worthy of favour and obligation, fit for the condescension and gratitude, complaisant to Islam, RAO ANUP SINGH, being glorified by and proud of the royal grace and the exalted and eminent Imperial regards, should know, that the despatch, comprehensive of the expression of extraordinary fidelity, the profound devotion and offering of congratulations on the turning of the x victory-marked standards to that side, and which he had lately sent to the paradise - resembling Court, has acquired the honour of the exalted and dignified perusal, through the favoured ones of the assembly(Court), the abode of the Divine munificences.

Prior to this an exalted mandate, containing the assurances for an increase of favour, has received the honour of being issued, in the name of that choice of the peers according to the despatches of Bahadur Khan Kokaltash, the asylum of Syedship (or chieftainship) and nobility, describing the good meritorious services and the manner of his devotion.

Consoling his mind, accustomed to devotion, with the manifestation of (our) great regards, he should expect and await the victory-adorned flags to have shortly reached (there).

And regarding the unfaltering adh ce to the

the right ~~par~~ path of submission as productive and fruitful of excellent results, he should consider the exalted and eminent royal favour as always caressing his affairs, blended with submission.

As a token of favour, we have adorned with distinction, the stature(body) of (our) confidence in him by the grant of a rich robe of honour.

D/- 7th of Shawwal, 22.

1st November, ~~1677~~ 1678

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'I begin with the name of God, that is kind and merciful!

Old No. 77. New No. 83

A U R A N G Z E B.

Seal:- Mohammad Muazzam Shah Alam, son of Alamgir Badshahe-e-Ghazi.

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"Tughra (Title prefixed):- Abul Muzzaffar Muhi-uddin Mohammad Aurangzeb Bahadur Alamgir Badshah-e-Ghazi.

2. Mohammad Muazzam Shah.

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The choice of the contemporaries, the glory of the nobles, worthy of favour and obligation, deserving the condescension and gratitude, complaisant to Islam, RAO ANUP SINGH, being glorified by and proud of the royal favour, and the sublime and exalted Imperial regards, should know, that it has been brought to the notice of those standing in (our) heaven-like assembly (Court) through the despatches of Syed Najabat, the Qiladar of the Ahont Fort, that some 2,000 horse and 3,000 infantry with Mauro, the servant of the wretched, (at their head), have made their way to the Imperial territories, and have reached the precincts of the forts of Mahu and Tarbank, with a view to fortify the Chatar Sanghi hills.

Whereas, the realisation of the false intents of those afflicted (ones), and allowing them the opportunity to fortify the said hills would lead to the public harm and is a source of other riots; therefore, the glorified order (hereby) receives the ornament of being issued, that the sai[illegible] of the

the peers, on the receipt of the sublime and exalted mandate, should, with proper force, raid those wretched ones, and chastising them effectively should not allow them respite to fortify the hills. He should not ~~allowxth~~ let their insolvent feet step into the Imperial territory.

He should observe great care as imperative in this respect, and should reckon the manifestation of the rites of submission as bearing fruits of great favours.

D/- 14th Ramzan, 23.

oth October,1679.

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Old No.93. New No. ~~87~~ 86

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Seal:- Mohammad Shah Badshah-e-Ghazi.

On Tuesday, of the month of Zee Qada of the 19th year of the auspicious coronation corresponding to 1149 A.H.(22nd Asadav Mah) the (royal) patent, obeyed by the World, with the rays of the sun was issued on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief of the dominions, the chief of the 'Umarahs' Bahadur, and in the diary duty of the least of the slaves of the Court, dignified like the sky, Debi Singh(to the effect) that Amar Singh, son of Anand Singh, the fief-holders of Bikaner, be elevated to the Mansab (rank) of 1500 (one thousand and five hundred) personal and 1000 (one thousand) horse with Jagir.

Written on the 1st of Zee-Qada of the 19th year, according to the memorandum.

D/- 3rd April, 1737 A.D.

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Old No.82. New No. ~~88~~ 97 ~~118~~ 7
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A H M A D S H A H.

Seal:- The Commander-in-Chief of the dominions, Shahabuddin Khan Bahadur, devoted servant of Ahmad Shah Bahadur, Badshah-e-Ghazi.

On Saturday, the 18th of Shawwal, 6th year of the exalted and auspicious coronation, corresponding to 1166 A.H., the (royal) order was issued on the recommendation of the possessor of the rank and rule (lit. Syedship and Chieftainship), the (lord of) dignity, authority and grandeur, the raiser of the standard of pomp and glory, the adorner of the carpet of worth and greatness, the pillar of the exalted State, the arm of the great Caliphate, the recipient of various kinds of favours, the object of different kinds of sympathies, the foremost of the dignified Khans(Chiefs), the best of the exalted and eminent 'Umarahs'(Chiefs), the support of the resolute warriors, the glory of the heroes in the battlefield, the royal favourite, caressed by the condescensions of the Caliph of God, the knower of the delicate royal secrets, well-versed in reading the Imperial mind, the essence of the faithful sincere, the choice of the true dutiful, the pick of the devoted servants without fraud or deception(sincere), the Commander-in-Chief of the dominions, the quintessence of the Realm, Shahabuddin Khan Bahadur, Fateh Jung, and in the diary duty of the humblest of the born slaves of the Court of pomp and glory, Sukh Lal,(to the effect) that GAJ SINGH, Zamindar of Bikaner be elevated by the grant of the Mansab of 7,000 personal

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("Zat"), 5,000 horse, and the title of "Rajah".

Written on the 2nd of Shawwal, 6, according to the Memorandum.

2, August, 1753.

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Interpretation of Signature:-

It should be entered in the diary in the writing of the *possessor of etc...... Shiha-buddin Khan Bahadur, Fateh Jung.

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Old No.83. New No. ~~87~~ 88 ~~119~~ 126 [illegible]

A H M A D   S H A H .

Seal:-   Same as in No. 82.

On Saturday, the 18th of Shawwal, 6th year of the exalted and auspicious coronation, corresponding to 1166 A.H., the (royal) order was issued on the recommendation of the possessor of the rank and rule (lit. Syedship and Chieftainship), the (lord of) dignity,authority and grandeur, the raiser of the standard of pomp and glory, the adorner of the carpet of worth and greatness, the pillar of the exalted State, the arm of the great Caliphate, the recipient of various kinds of favours, the object of different kinds of sympathies, the foremost of the dignified Khans(Chiefs), the best of the exalted and eminent 'Umarahs'(Chiefs), the support of the resolute warriors, the glory of the heroes in the battlefield, the royal favourite, caressed by the condescensions of the Caliph of God, the knower of the delicate royal secrets, well-versed, in reading the Imperial mind, the essence of the faithful sincere, the choice of the true dutiful, the pick of the devoted servants without fraud or deception(sincere), the Commander-in-Chief,of the dominions, the [illegible]sence of the Realm, Shahabuddin Khan Bahadur, [illegible] Jung, and in the diary [illegible] of the humblest of the born slaves of the Court of pomp and glory, [illegible] Lal, (to the effect) that [illegible] SINGH, son of [illegible] SINGH, Zamindar of [illegible], be elevated [illegible] of the Mansab of 4,000 Zat (personal) [illegible] horse.

Written [illegible] of Shawwal [illegible] the Memorandum.

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Interpretation of Signature:- Same as
in No.82.

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Old No.94. New No. ~~90~~ 85

A H M A D S H A H.

On Saturday, the 18th of Shawwal 6th year of the exalted and auspicious coronation, corresponding to 1166 A.H., the (royal) patent was issued on the recommendation of the * possessor of the rank of rule and government, the (lord) of the dignity, adminis--tration and grandeur, the raiser of the standard of pomp and glory, the adorner of the carpet of worth and greatness, the pillar of the exalted State, the helping hand of the great Caliphate, the station of the various kinds of favours, the object of [illegible] kinds of sympathies, the leader of the dignified [illegible] ~~(Chiefs)~~ (Chieftains), the best of the exalted [illegible] eminent 'Umarahs' (Chiefs), the support of [illegible] lute warriors, the pride of the heroes in the [illegible] field, the favourite of the Emperor, [illegible] sympathies of the ~~firmly~~ Caliph of God, [illegible] the delicate royal secrets, well-versed [illegible] Imperial mind, the essence of the [illegible] dient (servants), the choice of the [illegible] the chosen of the ~~faithful-and-obedient~~ [illegible] vants, without fraud or deception, [illegible] Chief of the dominions, Shahabuddin [illegible] Fateh Jung, and in diary duty [illegible] slaves of the Court of the [illegible] (to the effect) that Bakhtawar Singh [illegible] Gaj Singh, the fief-holder of Bikaner [illegible] by the grant of the Mansab of 4,00[illegible] horse, and the title of Rao.

Written on the 2nd Shawwal, [illegible] memorandum [illegible]

It should be entered [illegible]

* writing of the possessor etc.etc. ... the Commander in-Chief of the dominions Shahabuddin Khan Bahadur, Fateh Jung.

Seal on the back.

Debi Singh, the devoted servant of Ahmad Shah Badshah-e- Ghazi.

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Old No.95. New No. ~~94~~ 90. 188. 130 ~~152~~

Seal:- Ahmad Shah Badshah-e-Ghazi.

On Saturday, the 18th of Shawwal, 6th year of the exalted and auspicious coronation, corresponding to 1166 A.H. the (royal) patent was issued on the recommendation of the possessor of the rank ~~to the~~ etc.etc- . . . . (to the effect) that ARJUN SINGH son of Nath Mal be elevated by the grant of the Mansab of 2,000 personal, and 500 horse.

Written on the 2nd of Shawwal, 6, according to the memorandum. 2nd August 1753.

It should be entered in the diaryxx in the writing of the possessor etc. ..... Shahabuddin Khan Bahadur, Fateh Jung.

2nd August, 1753.

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S H A H   A L A M.

Seal:- Mohammad Shah Alam Bahadur, son of Shah Alamgir Badshah-e-Ghazi.

The Chaudharies, the Kaungos, the cultivators, the tenants, the residents and inhabitants of the Chakla of Hissar-e-Firoza, situated in the province of Shahjahanabad, the Capital, should know, that now the Faujdarship of Chakla, as specified in the endorsement, has been conferred upon and entrusted to the charge of the choice of the devotees, distinghuished by love and friendship, the pick of the devoted fortunates, the best of the Rajas of Hindustan, MAHARAJA DHIRAJ RAJA GAJ SINGH BAHADUR.

Knowing the worth of these favours, he should discharge the duties (relating to) the said post honestly and creditably, and should spare no pains in regarding the necessary vigilance and prudence. He should keep the people happy and contented by his sympathetic treatment, and should do his best in subjugating, suppressing and annihilating the rebels, demolishing the houses of the insurgents, ruining and levelling the forts of the rebels to the grounds, protecting and guarding the tenants(lit. land-revenue payers), safeguarding the roads and highways and preserving the travellers and way-farers.

He should arrange it in such a way that nothing of the forbidden intoxicants and none of the ~~ly~~ ludicrous and prohibited professionists may remain in that country.

If someone's property be stolen, he should hunt out the ~~thet~~ thieves with the s   operty,

which he should give to the real owner, and should punish the thieves. (He should be careful) lest the strong should oppress the weak.

The official staff of the said Chakla, should regard the above-mentioned (GAJ SINGH) as the permanent Faujdar of that Mahal (district), and believing his hands as empowered with sole authority to discharge the duties related to his office, should not disobey or oppose his words and suggestions respecting the management and organisation of the above Mahals (districts).

They should not give refuge in their districts to those seditionists whom he expels from the territory.

They should regard these orders as emphasized by His Majesty.

D/- 24th Jamad-us-Sani, 4.

July, 1769.

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Old No.85. New No. ~~93~~ 92 133 ~~122~~.

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Seal:- The Universe is of God.

(In the form of couplet)

The Government of Timur Shah has been proclaimed over all the world by the Divine Graces.

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(It is hereby ordered) that the asylum of wealth and riches, capable of fidelity and sincerity SURAT SINGH, Rajah of Bikaner, being glorified by th excessive Imperial favours, should know that the despatch, which he had recently sent to the luminous Court, comphrehensive of the account of his affairs and the constancy of his adhesion to this heaven-like threshold, has been received, and its contents have been brought to the notice of the world-adorning mind.

The exalted, the high stationed, the lord of pomp and glory, the chief of the great Chiefs, the ideal of the dignified grandees, the sincere without doubt, Shahnawaz Khan Abbasi Bahadur, Firoz Jung, Muizuddaula (the honoured of the realm) and Muin-ul-Mulk (the helper of the Empire), also brought to the exalted notice the condition of the affairs, sinceri and devotion of that well-versed in fidelity (SURAT SINGH), and his praiseworthy sincerity was known to us.

He should, with an all peaceful mind, and keeping constant on the path of sincerity and devotion, according to the counsel of the exalted Shahnawas Khan, alluded to above, exhibit his praiseworthy sincerity and devotion greater than before.

Month of 7th Hijj - 1206,A.H.

Old No.84. New No. ~~95~~ ~~94~~ 93 134

(Emperor's name illegible).

(A Firman written in Pencil).

The chosen ~~of~~ faithful and sincere devotee, MAHARAJA DHIRAJ GAJ SINGH being proud of and glorified by the (Imperial) favours, should know that we have halted for one week in these days and that Safdar Jung's troops have girded up the loins of faithlessness; therefore, it is necessary that the said devoted one should, without delay or hesitation, attend the Court, making the two stages as one.

He should regard urgency in this respect, sinc this is the very time (to display) loyalty, devotic and fidelity.

He should regard the exalted condescension as increasing on him day by day.

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